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TALES OF A GREAT "LEGPULLER." COL. LOWTHER—THE MAKER OF LAUGHTER. "SUCHI," THE DEAF AND DUMB FASTING MAN. WHEN HIS FRIEND ATTEMPTED REPRISALS!

I have been asked to write something about my old friend Colonel Lowther, writes Norman Forbes in the *Morning Post*. I am very flattered at the request, but feel it impossible to do justice to so big a personality. I will therefore relate a few of the many delightful laughter-loving stories which give some insight into his lovable character.

The practical joker and hoaxer of the last century is to-day known by the more familiar name of "legpuller." Claude Lowther's legpulling was invariably a spontaneous act emanating from the kind heart of a real humorist and a great gentleman.

Claude's Joke.

Some years ago considerable excitement was aroused by a certain Signor Suchi, who undertook to fast for 40 days. Readers had been harrowed by the heart-rending accounts in the Press of his sufferings, and on this particular day, when he was nearing the last few hours of his ordeal, Claude and I started off in high spirits, though in a somewhat sceptical mood, to see the hungry hero.

We entered a sordid room in a house near Regent's Park, where he lay full length on a sort of open glass coffin. In the Park we saw the usual Sunday crowd encircling with rapt attention a gesticulating, limbo-dancer.

I had been listening for some minutes with indignation to the efforts of this Communist to inflame class hatred, when I suddenly became aware that a number of spectators had turned their backs on him, and were fixing their gaze upon me.

I looked about for my friend Claude, but he was nowhere to be seen. When I moved, to my horror the crowd followed. I walked faster; so did they. Then I ran, but they were on my heels. I stopped and faced them, intending to ask for an explanation, when I heard Claude's welcome whisper, "You're Suchi!"

Outrageous Feats.

I guessed in the twinkling of an eye that my unusual thinness had reminded Claude of the faster, and so led him to cast me for the part of the hunger-monger, and that while my attention had been arrested by the limbo-dancer, he had no difficulty in persuading the crowd that they witnessed in me Suchi.

I was at the thought of getting my chance to score off Claude, but as usual his quick wit anticipated my motive; for when I was about to answer several questions as to my experience, he hurriedly said: "Please don't him nothing, he is deaf and dumb."

So I was forced to remain silent, while he invented the most outrageous feats I had performed throughout the world some good, some bad, mostly bad. "And after all, gentlemen," he continued, "can we be sure that at midnight, when Londoners sleep, it was possible for him to resist his passion for tripe and onions. Knowing his gourmandising habits, as I do, I answer emphatically no. Understand, gentlemen, I would not say these things of him if he could hear and answer for himself. (Cheers.) Alas, the poor fellow is deaf and dumb." (Cheers)

He then made rapid gesticulations with his fingers, meant to convey to the crowd that he was talking to me by means of the dumb alphabet, of which I knew him to be totally ignorant.

"Acted a Swoon."

I answered him in the same manner, whereupon he said: "I have told my friend Suchi that his long fast has created in him an exceptional hunger, and that I must now take him to appease it with his favourite dish of tripe and onions, but, if you please, he insists on starting with oysters and champagne." As he turned from me I dumb-alphabeted him by putting my thumb to my nose and extending my fingers in his direction. This action was received by laughter, the cause of which completely mystified Claude, but only for a moment. Guessing what I had done, he again scored on me, saying: "Suchi has funny little habits; instead of using a handkerchief to blow his nose he will insist on using his thumb and fingers."

I could make no response to this outrageous charge, so acted a swoon and fell heavily into his arms, but he quickly brought me back to my senses by tickling my ribs. He then supported my tottering steps across the grass to a hansom cab, into which he and others helped my exhausted frame. We received three hearty cheers as we drove away.

At Scalby Castle.

The following episode took place at Scalby, one of Claude's castles near Carlisle. He wrote from there inviting me to stay for the weekend. I suggested that I should arrive disguised as the Earl's first cousin, his Royal Highness Prince Donowich. But that Claude should inform his friends that I could only speak my own native tongue, Russian, and that he must be careful that his friends were as ignorant of the language as we were.

He telegraphed: "Delighted, come with right wardrobe." He invited all the county people to a large dinner party for the Sunday night, and on my arrival that evening his servants, who were warned of my royal advent received me, as did Claude and his guests.

The ladies courtseyed on being presented to me, while Claude acted as interpreter to their many questions; but our questions and answers to each other were carried on in a sort of imitation Russian gibberish which neither he nor I, or anyone else, could possibly understand, but his pretended translation into English of my gibberish was converted by him into his own, compromising English, witty but wicked.

The Great Speech.

Two hours afterward I appeared in gorgeous clothes to receive the distinguished arrivals for dinner. Everyone was presented to me except a radiant beauty to whom I was anxious to be introduced. Claude, however, kept her to himself, and I heard him say to a particularly plain old lady near by: "The Prince will take you in."

But this time I was too quick for him, for at that moment dinner was announced and I hurriedly offered the beauty my arm, leaving Claude flustered; I knew he would pay me out soon.

As the end of dinner approached, Claude rose. He expressed his regret that the honoured guest of the evening could not speak English. "But he has just told me he would like to address a few words to you in Russian, if I would translate them into English, which I should be delighted to do." This announcement received applause, giving me time to collect my thoughts.

I rose, and after a generous reception began to jabber my senseless jargon, which Claude translated into a witty, admirable speech.

"Flattering Terms."

I gave forth the name, Claude Lowther, with enthusiastic emphasis, followed by an imaginary peroration in his praise, and sat down overcome. At this Claude assumed a becoming modesty and said: "The Prince speaks of me in such flattering terms that it would ill become me to translate them." After a time the butler entered. He announced to his master that the carriage of his Royal Highness was at the door. We all rose, followed by the guests. The same bowing and curtsying took place, and then Claude apologized for being obliged to leave his guests for a quarter of an hour, to take His Highness to the station.

We had a good laugh during the drive there, and just managed to catch the train. Luckily there was a sleeper vacant, into which he hurriedly bundled me with the excuse that he must return to his guests.

I composed myself in my bunk, replete with his good viands and vintage, and smiling at the thought of having for the first time scored a complete victory over my friend. And so, with a vainglorious Ha-Ha, I fell asleep.

The next morning when the train stopped, I woke, and looking out of the window saw—not London, but Edinburgh. He had purposely put me in the Northern Express!

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Diary of Coming Events.
To-day.
(July 30.)
Accession of H.M. Victor Emmanuel III. of Italy 1900.
Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
Chinese Seamen's 15th Connaught Road Central, 3.30 p.m.
Billiards League: Police Res. v. K.O.S.B. Buffaloes v. Royal Artillery; Craigengower v. C. & P.O.'s Club, St. Patrick's v. Royal Engineers.
Water Polo:—K.O.S.B. "A" v. Royal Navy, Chinese "A" v. V.R.C. "B" V.R.C., 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "New Year's Eve."
World Theatre: "The Circus."
Star Theatre: "Tracked by the Police."
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Wednesday.
(July 31.)
H.K. Football Association Council meeting, French Bank Building, 3.30 p.m.
Water Polo:—Kowloon "B" v. V.R.C. "B" V.R.C., 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "New Year's Eve."
World Theatre: "The Circus."
Star Theatre: "13 Washington Square."
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Tides:—High: 4.22 a.m. and 6.03 p.m.; Low: 12.02 a.m. and 10.32 p.m.
Thursday.
(August 1.)
Lammas Day.
Queen's Theatre: "Our Dancing Daughters."
World Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
Star Theatre: "Tracked by the Police."
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
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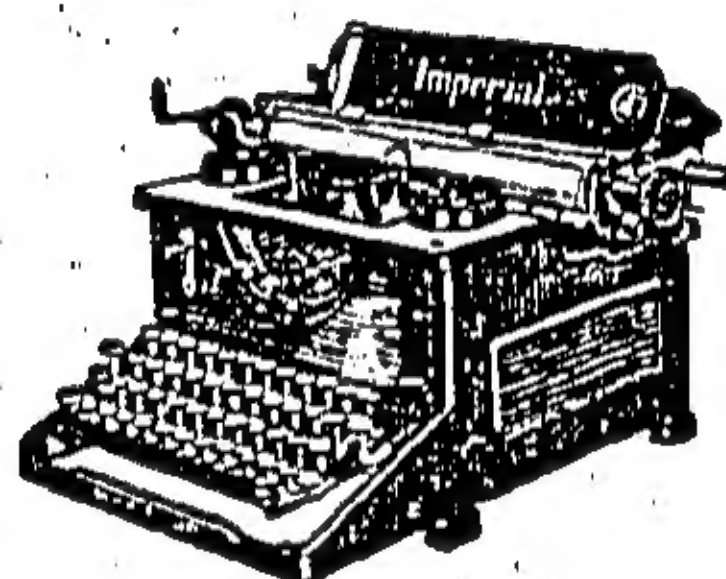
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Rotterdam.—Mr. L. Richardson, a 67-year-old airman from Norwich, took part in the first competition at the Rotterdam air sports. The first prize was won by Lord Carbery.

Brussels.—Mr. Joseph Wauters, editor of *Le Peuple*, the official organ of the Belgian Socialist Party, has died at the age 54. He was several times a Minister in the Coalition Cabinets.

Angora.—Negotiations for a settlement of the long-drawn Greek-Turkish dispute on the subject of the exchange of populations prescribed by the Treaty of Lausanne are about to be resumed.

Dellia.—Further communal tension is reported from Mysore State. In Bangalore town great excitement prevailed because of a false rumour as to the removal of the idol which was the cause of the previous disturbance.

London.—The Venezuelan Legation in London has received an official intimation that the inscription of Generals Gahallon and Urbina (who led the recent raid on the Island of Curacao) has been suppressed by the Government.

Southend.—Frederick William Curtis, a Thundersley butcher, was charged at the Southend Police Court with obtaining by false pretences a leg of lamb from Alfred Bullock, another Southend butcher. He was remanded.

Cumulus.—The body of a man about 60, found on the beach below the cliffs near Cumulus, on the Berkshire coast, has been identified as that of Duncan McKenzie, of the Mull of Kintyre. It is surmised that he lost his way and fell over the cliffs.

Cheshire.—During excavations in a convent garden workmen found a Roman wall left thick and faced on both sides with blocks of sandstone about 3ft. square. It is believed to be a Roman defensive wall dating from the second century A.D.

London.—Musical instruments were destroyed by a fire in the bandstand at Central Park, East Ham. The bandstand was used by a concert party and the fire apparently had been smouldering for some time before it burst into flame.

Norwich.—Frank Collings, a motor driver, was found shot in the garage of his employer, Mr. Ernest Morse, at Eaton, Norwich, and died within a few minutes of the discovery. It is stated that he had been depressed since a workman on the estate accidentally shot another and then committed suicide about three weeks ago.

Pengo.—As a non-stop train from London Bridge to Epsom was passing through Pengo West station at a reduced speed, Herbert Duke, aged about 60, of Great Chertsey, Hoxton, attempted to alight and was crushed between the platform and the train. He received injuries from which he died almost immediately.

Romford.—In the absence of her mother, who had left the house for only a few minutes, an eight-year-old Dagenham girl, Jenny Pullen, was fatally burned when her clothes caught fire from the kitchen copper. The child rushed into the street in a mass of flames. She was taken to Romford Hospital in a critical condition, and died later.

Leith.—A large dock shed was destroyed by fire recently.

London.—A bronze statue of a negro, on exhibition at Australia House, Strand, has been stolen.

Southend.—Mr. and Mrs. John Meadows, of Fairfax-drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, celebrated their golden wedding recently.

Dublin.—Mr. M. J. Keys, the outgoing Labour Mayor of Limerick, was re-elected for the ensuing 12 months by 22 votes to 11 for Alderman Reidy.

Cardiff.—A swarm of bees invaded a Post Office letter-box on the main road at Glandwr, near Barmouth, and until driven away prevented the posting of letters.

Ashford.—Miss Jeanne de Casalis, the actress, and Mr. Colin Clive, who takes the leading part in "Journey's End," were married at the register office, Ashford, Kent.

Belfast.—The body of James Kennedy, a retired farmer, of Peterfield, who had been missing since Christmas, has been found in the lake at Johnstown Park, about four miles from Nenagh (Co. Tipperary).

Swansea.—The famous Telford Chain Bridge over the River Dee at Berywn, in the Vale of Llangollen, is being reconstructed at the Brynhyrdd Steel Works. The old bridge and piers were washed away by the last great flood.

Chicago.—Mr. Henry Ford declares that if he could make a choice he would prefer to have all his employees between the ages of 35 and 60, "for then we should have a stable and experienced force." "We should not care how much over 60 our men were so long as they could do their work."

London.—The Government has appointed joint research managers to Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Millbank, London, S.W.

RICH BACHELOR'S
FRIEND.SUDDEN CONCLUSION OF
THE SHARES CASE.

EXPERT CRITICISED.

The action brought by Mr. Charles Cook, of Galley Hall, Galleywood, Essex, against Messrs. Sidney Herbert Martin, John Martin, and T.H.S. Aldridge, the executors of the will of Mr. J. B. Martin, came to a sudden conclusion in the Chancery Division.

Mr. J. B. Martin was a rich bachelor, who, it was stated, was partly responsible for the building of Victoria Street.

Mr. Cook sought to recover 5,000 £1 shares in the Westminster Trust, Ltd., which he said were a gift to him by Mr. J. B. Martin.

Mr. Alexander Grant, K.C., for Mr. Cook, said immediately the case was called that, having heard the evidence for the defence, he desired to say that he, as well as the solicitors instructing him and Mr. Cook, were satisfied that the signatures on the transfers and certificates were the genuine signatures of Mr. J. B. Martin.

Having said that, added Mr. Grant, "I desire to withdraw unreservedly any charge against any person whatsoever, and particularly the charge made against Mr. Sidney Martin. I also desire to withdraw any imputation or suggestion that the defendants have been guilty of any wrongful action of any sort or kind whatsoever."

He submitted to the action being dismissed.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for the defence, said that if the case had gone on he would have felt it his duty to make some observations about the class of person who, in the name of an expert, apparently was prepared to make direct charges of forgery against people on evidence which seemed to the uninitiated in these matters to be absolutely unwarranted.

It is not very far removed from being a public danger, he said, that a person could come and bring an expert, make charges of forgery on evidence such as this without asking if the signatures had been witnessed.

He could now say, however, that his clients recognised that there was at some time a friendship between Mr. J. B. Martin and Mr. Cook, and that Mr. Cook had an expectation that he would benefit after Mr. Martin's death. As the charges had been withdrawn he would not ask for costs against Mr. Cook.

Mr. Justice Romer: It is right for me to say that I am perfectly satisfied on the evidence that there is no foundation whatever for the charges. The action will be dismissed without costs.

Hunstanton.—Lord Ferncy, M.P., as the principal guest of the London and North Eastern Railway Company, formally opened the new ballroom the company have added to their Sandringham Hotel at Hunstanton.

Lewes.—Dr. Henry Gorvis has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Sussex in succession to the late Sir Charles O'Brien Harding. He holds already the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Craft Masonry for the same Province.

London.—Mr. J. R. Dent has been appointed headmaster of Westminster City School for Boys, Palace-street, Westminster, in succession to Dr. E. H. Stevens. Mr. Dent has been an assistant master at St. Albans School since 1915. He will take up his new duties next January.

Birmingham.—A resolution passed at a meeting of the Imperial Communications Committee of the British Empire League, expressed the hope that the Government would see its way to reintroduce penny postage on inland letters and on those from Great Britain to all parts of the British Empire, which course had already been adopted by Canada and New Zealand.

London.—Mr. R. Holland-Martin has been elected Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company. Mr. Leicester Reed Master of the Vintners' Company. Sir Arthur Kneller Master of the Framework Knitters' Company, and Mr. G. Westwood Master of the Turners' Company. Mr. A. Charles Knight has been appointed Clerk and Solicitor to the Musicians' Company.

Ardeer.—Major F. A. Freeth, D.S.C., F.R.S., late manager of the research department of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd., Warrington, and Mr. W. Rintoul, F.I.C., manager of the research department of Messrs. Nobel's Explosives Co., Ltd., Ardeer, have been appointed joint research managers to Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Millbank, London, S.W.

SHAKESPEARE ON
THE "TALKIES."HOW TO MAKE HIM
POPULAR.WOULD IT HELP THE
THEATRE?

Sir Gerald Du Maurier and Sir Nigel Playfair debated the question, "Do we want a national theatre?"—more or less seriously—at the London School of Economics recently, as the last of the series of "lectures and counter-lectures" in aid of the King Edward's Hospital Fund. Sir Gerald Du Maurier, in opposing a national theatre, made the subject the text for some gloomy reflections on the state of the theatre in general. He could not see how a national theatre could be a success. It was difficult enough to fill a modern theatre, at the present prices, in competition with what was the real menace—the talking film.

Difficult Modern Conditions.

"I know after 34 years' experience how frightfully difficult modern conditions in the theatre are. I don't believe that a sufficient public could be found in London to make the most exquisitely produced 'Hamlet' pay its way. It is an impossible position; we are up against it." He went on to complain of the unfairness of allowing cinema theatres to open on Sunday while the regular theatres were forbidden to open.

He mentioned a picture house in London which recently took 21,200 on one Sunday alone, with a talking film. "If we ever had a national theatre, he should demand that it should be open on Sunday as well as week-days. A well-known clergyman told him that to open the theatres on Sunday would be a menace to Christianity, by preventing people going to church. He afterwards asked one of his stage hands how many of the theatre workers went to church on Sunday, and he replied "about half per cent."

Why should the theatre not be allowed to make a living on Sunday? As to a national theatre, would Sir Nigel Playfair be prepared to put £100,000 into it? If so, he would lose the lot. Sir General Du Maurier also doubted whether even if we had with us the great actors of the past they would be able to make a success of plays in the present theatre with costs as they are. To compete with the "talkies" all the existing theatres would have to be rebuilt to rival the comfort and gorgeousness of the picture theatres where people went to watch "those frightful."

He left the sentence unfinished. "And all for a penny instead of a pound!"

Sir Nigel Playfair.

Sir Nigel Playfair, in arguing the case for a national theatre, said that if they were to conquer unemployment in the profession it might be as well to consider the possibilities of a modified nationalisation of the theatre. We must turn from that elusive coterie the theatre-going public and attempt to attract the larger public which now hardly ever went to the theatre.

"On the day of judgment the heavenly Order of Merit is more likely to be offered to Bernard Shaw than to Whimsical Walker." Of course, the State was not likely to give £1,000,000 to start a national theatre. There was a committee in existence—"composed of elderly and slightly moribund people"—which had about £200,000 in its possession for the purpose, and more would be forthcoming.

The State might be asked to show its interest in the scheme by granting a small subsidy, as was done in every country but our own, for the encouragement of dramatic art. The Government might grant some relief in rates and taxes, and possibly provide a site.

Government Help.

He thought that, judging from their professions, a Labour Government might be more inclined to help than previous Governments. No doubt the scheme was impracticable if the theatre was regarded solely as a place of amusement, but the theatre should be regarded also as means of education as part of the general social well-being.

The habit of going to see great plays would, no doubt, die out if they ceased to be produced. One might as well argue that because the majority of people did not see the great pictures, we should not have a State-supported National Gallery. (Continued on next column.)

EX-EMPERORS \$300
HOUSEKEEPING.HOW THE MIGHTY ARE
FALLEN.

[United Press.]

Peking.—The "Boy Emperor," once the ruler of all China, has moved into a small house in Tientsin with his wife and single concubine, because he can no longer afford to live in a large house.

With his small fortune almost gone, the former Emperor is now dependent for support on the kindness of his old Manchurian retainers. But they, too, are suffering from falling incomes, and are not able to spare him enough to keep up anything resembling an Imperial menage.

All Ambition Gone.

The ex-Emperor, now approaching the age of thirty, is not prepared to do anything to earn his living. He is not ambitious, and his friends say he has no hopes whatever of recovering his lost power. He is content to live quietly with his two companions and a few Manchus who have remained with him since his abdication.

When the Emperor abdicated, an agreement was made to leave him possession of his landed property and a large part of his jewels and curios. But succeeding so-called Republican Governments have ruled against this agreement, and the ex-Emperor's property has gradually been confiscated and sold. It is said that all of his income from property has now been cut off.

An Unlucky Investment.

The ex-Emperor also made an unfortunate investment. He put \$250,000, almost all of his ready money, into the Exchange Bank of China, a joint Japanese-Chinese institution. A few months ago this bank failed because of the deterioration in value of its investments in Chinese Government bonds. The young Emperor's money was lost, together with that of thousands of other unfortunate Chinese depositors.

The ex-Emperor felt his poverty most keenly when the news was reported to him that the tombs of his immediate ancestors, the Manchurian Emperors, had been broken into by Chinese soldiers and desecrated and robbed.

Scraping together all the money he could, by the sale of some treasures, he managed to get \$10,000 to contribute to a fund for re-embalming and re-burying the bodies of the Empress Dowager and other personages which had been taken out of their coffins, stripped of their ornaments, and thrown on the floors of their tombs. Other Manchus, once rich and powerful, were able to contribute only an additional \$1,000, and with this money very simple burial rites were held.

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The ex-Emperor has been living for the past two years in the Changyuan garden in Tientsin, located in the Japanese Concession. Although the place was given him rent free, by the Divisional Commander in charge of Tientsin, it was so large that he had to keep more than 100 servants, and other expenses were in proportion.

Seeing the young man's plight, an old Chinese friend, Lu Chung Yu, offered him the use of one of his houses, also in the Japanese Concession, and the ex-Emperor decided at once to move with his household.

It is estimated that the ex-Emperor, his wife, and his concubine are now living on about \$300 a month.

The "menace" of the talking film was the greatest argument for a national theatre, he said, and suggested that the invention might be applied to popularise fine productions of Shakespeare and the classics at a national theatre, and so bring in a profit. This he called "carrying the classics." The talking films would in time penetrate into every home like the gramophone, and might be made a valuable instrument in dramatic education.

In his second innings Sir Gerald Du Maurier gave fresh illustrations of the sad state of the theatre. "I don't see how the most magnificent play of Shakespeare could compete with the talkies, and the flapper vote, and daylight saving, and the other things we managers have to contend with."

If you were to ask a lovely lady who can walk on the stage and earn \$100 a week to accept \$10 a week at the national theatre, she would do this, and I wouldn't blame her" (here Sir Gerald Du Maurier put his fingers to his nose).



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POLITICIANS AND
GANGSTERS.ALLIANCES BETWEEN CRIME
AND OFFICIALDOM.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Chicago, July 14.—Newspaper publicity and public indignation against alliances between crime and officialdom have banned politicians from open attendance at gangland's elaborate funerals, a report of the Illinois Association for Criminal Justice said recently. The report was prepared for the association by John Landess, of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, after a statewide survey of crime made in co-operation with the Chicago Crime Commission.

In the eight years beginning with the funeral of "Big Jim" Colosimo in 1920 and ending with the rites for "Big Tim" Murphy in 1928, the list of public officials and politicians who displayed their grief at the costly caaskets of assassinated gangsters dwindled perceptibly, the report said. The high point in official attendance at gang funerals came when Colosimo was buried amid ostentation considered in keeping with the position he occupied in the underworld—absolute lordship over vice and gambling.

Among Colosimo's honorary pallbearers were congressmen, aldermen, judges, stars, from the Chicago Civic Opera Company and the Italian Societies that "Big Jim" had ruled.

In a chart which shows in diagram how the attendance at gang funerals dwindled over the years many world-known names appear.

\$10,000 Funeral!

Among them was that of Judge John R. Caverly, who presided at the Leo-Leonard trial four years later; Alderman John "Bathhouse" Gallagher, sportsman and politician; nine other city aldermen; Congressman J. W. Rainey and Thomas Gallagher, Titto Russo, opera star, and long list of gangsters.

The funeral of Anthony D'Andrea, slain by his associates, surpassed in cost and impressiveness that of Colosimo. Twenty-one city and state judges were counted at the rites, the report revealed.

"The funeral of Dion O'Banion in 1924 set a new record for ostentatious display, the report said. Five thousand persons packed the streets for the rites, thirty automobiles carried the flowers to the cemetery and the caasket, the best money could buy, cost ten thousand dollars."

But few notables were here, the report said, on account of adverse publicity.

The funeral of Angelo Genna, first of the notorious Genna brothers to be slain, was estimated to have cost ten thousand dollars, the report said. Only two or three officials were counted at the rites.

Then, in June 1928, came the assassination of "Big Tim" Murphy, union leader and convicted mail robber. There was no ostentatious funeral and not an official appeared.—United Press.

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

The Bore: "When I took up golf the doctors gave me only two years to live!"

The Other (hopelessly): "How long ago was that?"

"I called to make an appointment with the dentist."

"He's out just now."

"Ah! When do you expect him to be out again?"

Country Lad (at post-office): "If Ah post this 'ere letter to-neet, will it get to Lunnion in t'morning?"

P.O. Official: "Certainly."

"Well, thank you, that's wrong. It's goin' to Sheffield."

Little Albert came home from school with a new book under his arm.

"It's a prize, mother," he said.

"A prize! What for, dear?"

"For natural history. Teacher asked me how many legs an ostrich had and I said three."

"But an ostrich has two legs."

"I know that now, mother, but the rest of the class said four, so I was the nearest."

Mistress (to mother of prospective maid): "And is your daughter really experienced?"

"Oh, yes. You see, she has been at home for six months looking after the pigs."

An enterprising young man finished a play, and when opening hour on the first night drew near he personally superintended operations.

He called the roll. "Box-office all ready?"

"Yes, sir."

"Programme girls ready?"

"Yes, sir."

"Cloak-room staffs, harmaids, and attendants all ready?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then ring wide the doors."

The only entrants were two small boys who wished to know if they could come in on one free pass.

Charles: "You should put your foot down."

Richard: "You don't know my wife. If I put my foot down she'd convince me I hadn't a leg to stand on."

"Two American women were discussing a new-singing tutor."

"I like that Italian who is teaching your daughter—such charming manners," said the first.

"Yes, he is bourgeois, you know," replied the other.

"Bourgeois! Let me see, that's one higher than a Baron, isn't it?"

The difference between a film producer and a University astronomer is that when the film producer discovers a new star he makes some money.

Phyllis (yawning): "Well, what shall we do this evening?"

Algy: "Let's think hard."

"No, let's do something you can do, too!"

"Would you call him a mean man?"

"Mean! Why, he weighs every word he utters."

"Consider herself a most exclusive person, doesn't she?"

"My dear, the creature even sings duets alone."

Old Lady: "A shilling each way on Hammond, please."

Bookmaker: "Ammond's a cricketer, not an 'ore'."

"Dear me, I must have stuck the pin in the wrong column."

"I wish you would come and help me select some trousers, old man."

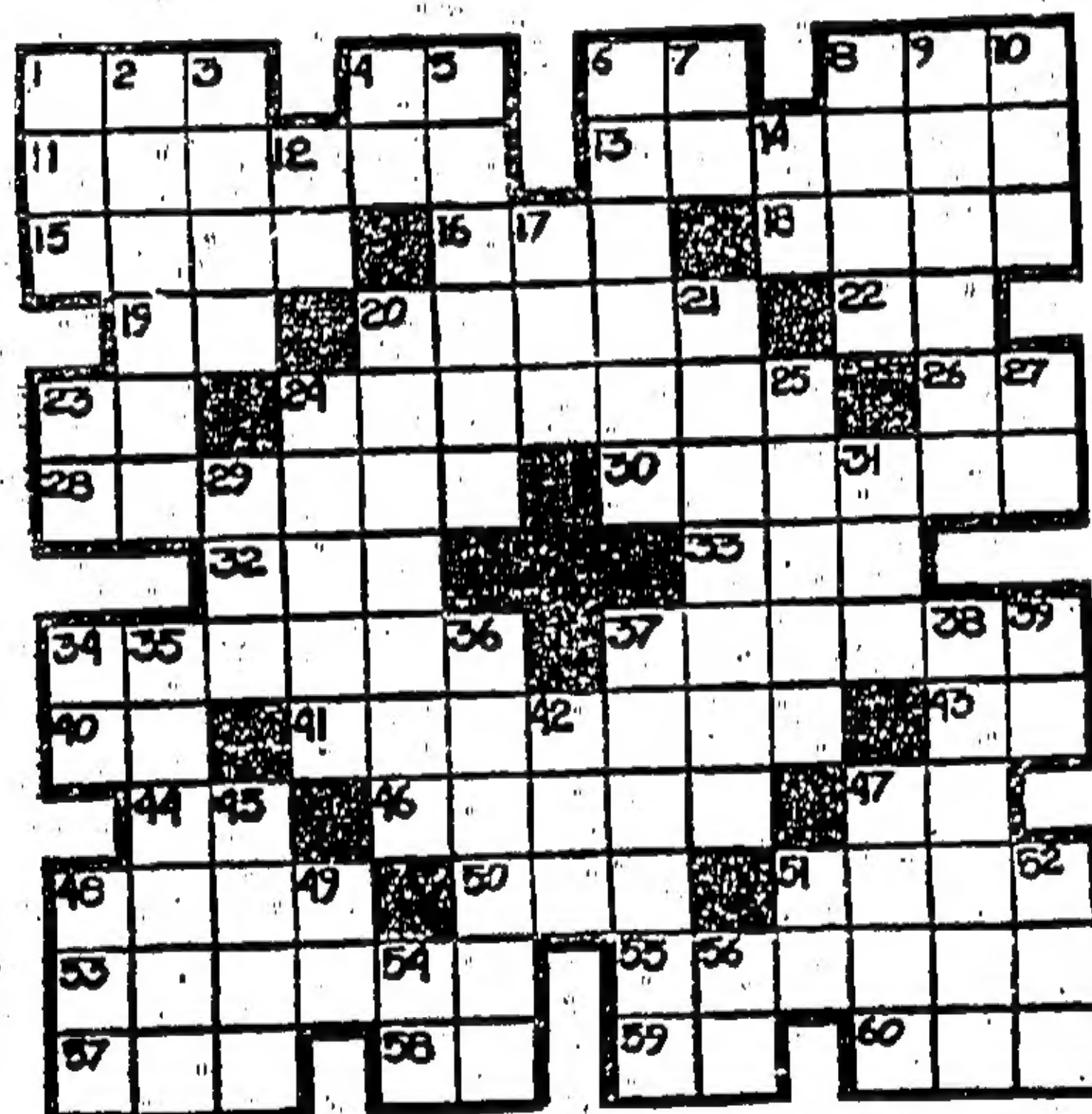
"I don't believe my taste is any better than yours."

"No, but your credit is."

Counsel (cross-examining prejudiced witness): "I suggest that Mrs. Higgins is anathema to you."

Witness: "Then you suggest wrong. It's only my friends I call by their Christian names!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



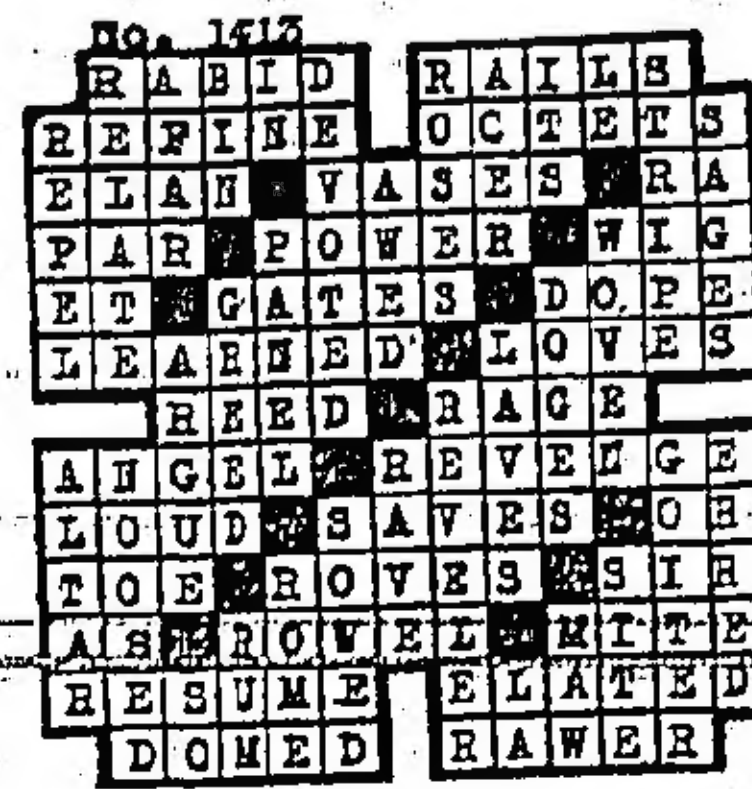
Horizontal.

- 1.—Sick.
- 4.—French for the.
- 6.—While.
- 8.—Explosive noise.
- 11.—Defect in vision.
- 13.—Perfumed hair dressing.
- 15.—South Sea canoe.
- 16.—Juice of plants.
- 18.—Melody.
- 19.—By.
- 20.—Thong.
- 22.—Part of infinitive.
- 23.—Pronoun.
- 24.—Hardened.
- 26.—Home of Abraham.
- 28.—A sore.
- 30.—Scarcely.
- 32.—To hasten.
- 33.—To attempt.
- 34.—Slumbers.
- 37.—Upright.
- 40.—Symbol for silicon.
- 41.—Rallying cries.
- 43.—Note of scale.
- 44.—To depart.
- 46.—Growing out.
- 47.—Compass point.
- 48.—Undeveloped flowers.
- 50.—Skill.
- 51.—Finishes.
- 53.—To draw forth.
- 55.—To anger.
- 57.—Study.
- 58.—A continent (abbr.).
- 59.—To act.
- 60.—fondle.

Vertical.

- 1.—Demon.
- 2.—Lyre-shaped.
- 3.—Plunder.
- 4.—Symbol for lithium.
- 5.—Church festival.
- 6.—Frightens.
- 7.—Thus.
- 8.—To separate.
- 9.—Hateful.
- 10.—Vegetable.
- 12.—Father.
- 14.—Mother.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



SNAPSHOTS OF A MOTHER ON THE FOURTH

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

"MINISTER OF SPORT."

To his many friends Professor P. J. Baker is always "Philip," and whatever his (or their) politics may be, every sportsman will be glad to see him take his seat in Parliament as the Labour member for Coventry. There is no man who has served his country better or packed more into a useful life than Philip Baker, and no one can be imagined who would better fill the post of Minister of Sport. If Labour forms the Ministry, which has its counterpart in France.

Professor Baker went up to King's College, Cambridge, in 1908; the following year he took office as hon. secretary, C.U.A.C., and from 1910 to 1913 was president. During those years he won the half-mile three times and the mile once against Oxford, and in 1912 he ran a race outside university athletics which will never be forgotten. That year Great Britain sent to Stockholm what was probably the weakest Olympic team that has ever left its shores, and perhaps our smallest chance was that of winning the 1,500 metres. That A. N. S. Jackson, the C.U.A.C. president, succeeded in beating a bunch of American record-breakers was mainly due to the unchallenged and self-sacrificing example of pace-making shown by Baker.

Then came the war, and Baker, a Quaker, took a Friends' ambulance out to the front. Many people thought that his running days (Continued on next column.)

EMPIRE GOLF TEST.

Captain C. J. S. Fraser (Maymyo Golf Club, Burma), who holds a commission in the Indian Army, won the Lucifer Golfing Society's Empire tournament at Walton Heath, by a margin of ten strokes. Fraser, who was handicapped at six, had an aggregate of 152 net.

D. A. Wilkinson (Ceylon) (4); Major G. H. Anderson (Kenya Colony) (9), and O. B. Knight (Cairo) (9) shared second place at 162 net.

MOTOR-BOAT RACING.

Miss Rocco III. won on the Thames the first heat of the race for the Duke of York's motor-boat trophy. New was second, and Bulldog third. Miss Rocco's speed was nearly thirty-seven miles an hour.

Seahopper VI. won an outboard race, Isis VII. being second, and Miss Norwich third.

were over, but the first post-war Olympiad at Antwerp, 1920, found him back in harness, co-operating with General Kentish in evolving order from chaos among the British team, and again subordinating his own chances of Olympic honours to another fine piece of pace-making that enabled Albert Hill to win his laurels. He was also one of those responsible for the promotion of the British Empire v. U.S.A. match and the formation of the Achilles Club.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

YOUR HOME AND MINE.

RINK TUM DIDDY AND RAREBITS.

Whenever a particularly tempting supper delicacy is to be conjured from the chafing dish, and the customary Welsh rarebit does not seem to fill the bill, a strangely named dish—Rink Tum Diddy—may be presented with the assurance that it will be a source of wonderment and delight to guests.

It can stand without the aid of many upholstering dishes, and its savory odour will stir the most jaded appetite.

The following recipe I have found to be a good one: Stew one chopped onion in two tablespoons of butter for several minutes, then add one chopped green pepper. Stew for two minutes, and add one can of tomatoes. Bring to boil, and add one and one-half cups of grated cheese. Stir until it melts, then add salt and pepper, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, and Tabasco sauce to taste. Add two well-beaten eggs and cook until they are of a creamy consistency. Serve at once on toast or saltines.

A recipe for a rarebit somewhat similar follows: Stew one chopped green pepper in two tablespoons of butter until nearly done. Put in a saucepan, with the contents of a can of corn, one cup of tomatoes,

one cup of cheese, and salt. When the cheese has melted, remove from the fire, add two well-beaten eggs, stirring constantly, and return to fire until the mixture is hot and thickened. Serve on toast or crisp crackers.

Celery is used in the following rarebit: Add three tablespoons of

Menu:
Suppers
Rinktum Diddy
Hot Muffins
Stuffed Apple Salad
Chocolate Layer Cake
Coffee

Welsh Rarebit
Creamed Cauliflower
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Apple Sauce Cake
Hot Cocoa or Coffee

flour to three tablespoons of melted butter in a saucepan. Add two cups of milk, salt, pepper, and paprika, and cook until it is thick and creamy. Then add two cups of cheese and two beaten eggs, stirring well. When thoroughly blended, add two cups of diced celery.

Serve as other rarebits.

(Continued on next column.)

FASHION NOTES.

As a change from the flower tones dress-makers are bringing in a new range of evening colours for the silk or cotton tulle, chiffon or lace gown. These include brown, many shades of smoke grey, a soft yellow, ink blue and a dark royal blue, all rather unusual colours for the evening.

Black is being used extensively. In this pleated lace in tiny frills is rather new. Shoes should always match the frocks and the definite contrast of gold or silver shoes with a coloured frock is no longer in vogue.

Two very unusual rarebits are the oyster and peanut butter. For the former, clean and parboil two cups of oysters, saving the liquor. Remove the tough muscle from the oyster. Melt one-fourth cup of butter, add one pound of soft cheese cut in small pieces, and salt and pepper. When the cheese begins to melt, add slowly the oyster liquor and four slightly-beaten eggs. When smooth add the two cups of oysters, and serve at once.

To make the peanut rarebit, add to two tablespoons of butter, two tablespoons of flour, one scant teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of mustard, and one-fourth teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Add two cups of milk, stirring until boiling. Then stir in one cup of peanut butter.

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WIFE'S SKIRT TOO SHORT.

KNEES EXHIBITED TO A JUDGE.

A skirt which, according to a woman purchaser, was "utterly indecent and impossible to wear" figured in a case heard recently at Greenwich County Court.

Mrs. Ethel Elizabeth Carpenter, of Arran-road, Catford, who sued Mr. W. Rees, of Rushey Green, Catford, for £5 10s., the price of a costume, said that when the costume was delivered she complained about the skirt, and Mr. Rees promised to put it right. He made a new skirt, and when she put it on she travelled to her home in a tramcar. The skirt was two and a half inches above her knees. Her husband, who was outside the house when she returned called out, "Come inside at once."

Skirt Donned.

Mr. Carpenter said in evidence that when he saw his wife in the costume he said, "Mother, what on earth have you got on? It is a skirt not fit for a girl of eighteen." He told her that she could not wear it.

Mr. Rees' son said that the skirt was made according to Mrs. Carpenter's instructions. While he was giving evidence Mrs. Carpenter, who had put the skirt on, made her way to the judge's dais, to show him the costume.

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WOMEN IN THE AIR.

NO RUSH FOR U.S. COMMERCIAL JOBS.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Washington.—Although 65 women are licensed to fly, none have gone into the commercial field which they have left strictly to men.

Some women go in for exhibition airplane flying and seven have licenses to pilot transport planes, yet not one has invaded the field which includes some 4,500 masculine commercial flyers, according to Jesse Lankford, chief of the licensing section of the aviation branch of the Department of Commerce.—United Press.

Judge Moore: I agree that the skirt is very short, but some people like them short.

Mrs. Carpenter: I do, but not like that. I have a child of fourteen.

Mrs. Carpenter at this point sat down and showed that in a sitting position the skirt reached well above her knees.

Judge Moore said that he would give Mr. Rees an opportunity of altering the skirt and the cost. He intimated that later he would view the costume again and decide whether the alterations were satisfactory.

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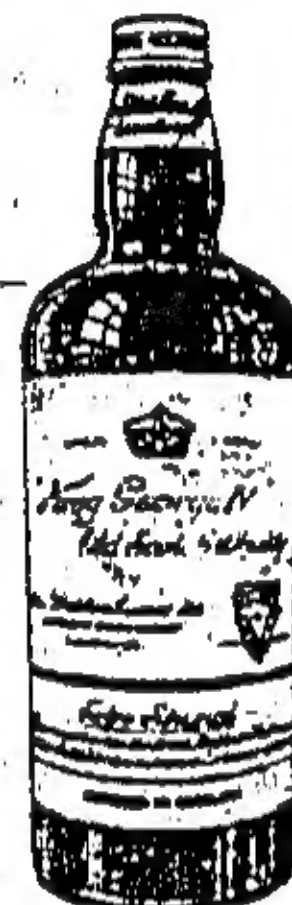


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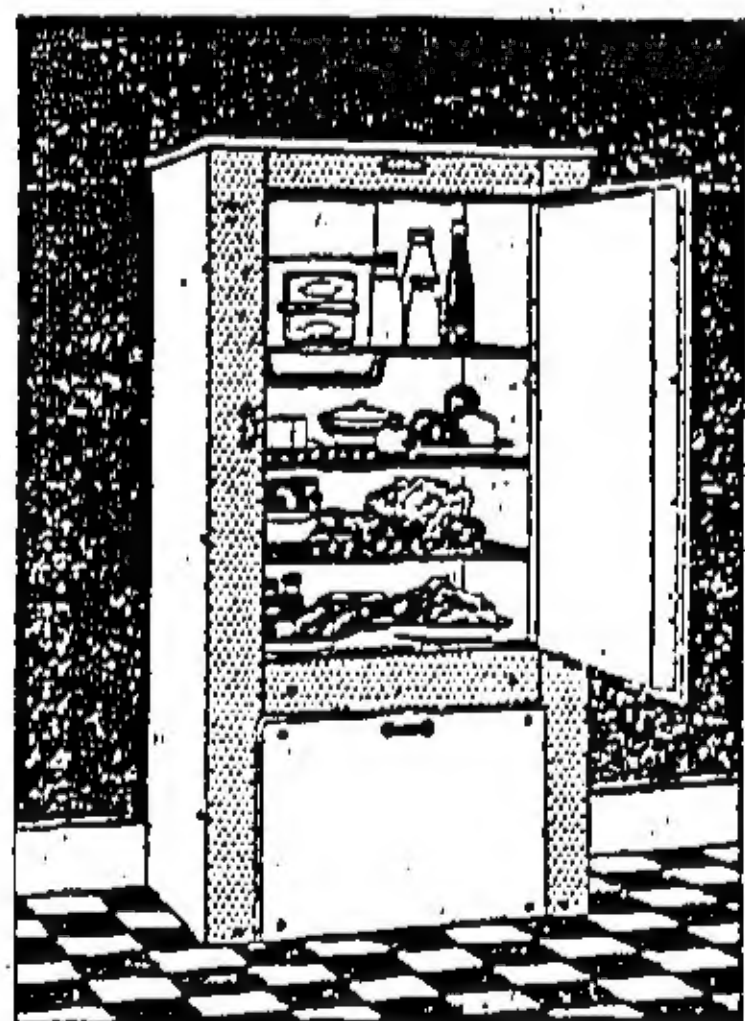
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NEW BUILDING COMPLETED AND OPENED.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held yesterday in the board room of the Chamber of Commerce. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was in the chair.

Thanks to Dr. Aubrey.

The Chairman said that he wished to draw particular attention to the excellent work done by Dr. Aubrey, whose advice and medical assistance had been of great aid to the hospital staff. The vote of thanks to Dr. Aubrey, proposed from the Chair, was seconded by the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., and carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In the course of the Superintendent's report, it is stated that after many delays the new Alice Memorial Hospital was completed during the year, and by the time this report is published will already be in use for the receiving of patients. Features of the new Hospital include an outpatient waiting room, a well equipped operation room, a nurses' lecture room, and private wards, and though the block is not a large one, we believe that it will add considerably to the sphere of usefulness of the Hospitals. This new building marks the completion of the first part of the scheme for the rebuilding of the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals. We hope, as soon as possible to proceed with the second part of the scheme, which consists in the replacement of the present Netherese Hospital by two blocks at an approximate cost of \$125,000 each. The sale of the Hollywood Road Dispensary, which we hope to effect during 1929, together with certain sums already in hand, will give a nucleus of about \$50,000 towards the erection of the first block. It was suggested by Dr. Gibson in his report for 1927 that donations should be made to cover the cost of wards or beds in the new blocks, and it is hoped that the \$75,000 required to permit of the erection of the first block will not be long in forthcoming.

Staff.

Miss Rayner resigned from her position as matron of the hospitals during the year, and Miss Ward was appointed in her place. Miss Rayner had done sixteen years' service with the Hospitals and the improved standard of nursing together with the success of former nurses in positions of responsibility, in the Colony, is testimony to the value of her work. Dr. Gibson went on furlough at the end of April, and is expected back in the autumn of 1929, when he will resume the office of Superintendent. In his absence Dr. Aubrey has been a very good friend to the Hospitals. Not only has he acted regularly as Consulting Surgeon throughout the year since Dr. Gibson left, often at what must have been considerable inconvenience to himself, but his encouragement and friendly advice have been a great help to the Hospital's staff. The Hospitals owe a great debt to Dr. Aubrey for his generous assistance.

Dr. Phoon has continued to act as House Surgeon, and Drs. Coxon and Ernest To, Suen, and Honing, have given valuable help during the year. An additional nurse is expected from England in the autumn, which will bring the non-Chinese nursing staff again up to the necessary minimum of three.

Finance.

The year has been a difficult one financially. The receipts total \$44,063.39 and the expenditure \$46,042.76 leaving a deficit of \$1,979.40 on the year's working and this deficit would have been much larger but for the receipt of a sum of \$4,600 from the Au Tuck Estate. During the year, however, the Hospitals were fulfilling their full responsibility as regards the salaries of the non-Chinese members of the staff for the first time since 1925, and in addition a large sum was spent on repairs and repainting which had been held over in some cases since 1924. When it is further taken into account that a special fund of some \$10,000 was collected during the year for the furnishing of the new Hospital, and that this sum was being asked for at the same time as the ordinary annual donations were being collected, the figures, though far from being satisfactory, are not so bad as would at first appear. We hope that with the opening of the new building and with the additional help from endowments which we expect during next year, it may be possible to balance the accounts for 1929.

Endowment Fund.

The first part of the Stephens bequest was received during the year amounting to \$42,000. Of this sum \$41,200 was used to purchase Hong Kong Government 6 per cent. Loan, and the remaining \$800 put on fixed deposit at 5 per cent. This will give us an additional income in 1929 of \$2,440. There is still a further sum of \$15,000 to come from this bequest. Other additions to the Endowment Fund during the year were \$1,000 from Mrs. Mackenzie and \$500 from the father of the late Dr. Eric Woods, and we are greatly indebted to the generous donors. Further additions to the Endowment Fund are urgently needed, as the lack of an adequate Endowment Fund is a great handicap to the work and it is earnestly hoped that additional sums may be forthcoming. It would be especially gratifying if we could add a Chinese name to the list of those who have given to the Endowment Fund, as up to now there have been no Chinese contributors to this Fund.

Furniture Fund.

For the furnishing of the new building a special appeal was made and met with a generous response, the sum of \$10,000 being subscribed, including a donation of \$5,000 from Madam Wu Ting Fung. The donations have already been acknowledged in the English and Chinese newspapers, but special mention may be made of Dr. Tso, Mr. Lo Chung Kue, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. J. M. Wong and Mr. I. Rummah, through whose kind offices the greater part of these donations were collected. It was gratifying also to receive a number of small donations through nurses in training in the Hospitals. We should like to thank all who served on the special Committee for this Fund, and all who so generously gave donations.

Buildings.

The repainting of the interior of the Ho Min Ling Hospital, which was begun in December, 1927, was completed at the beginning of the year, and later in the year a number of beams which had become eaten by white ants were replaced by rolled steel joists at considerable expense. During the year the exterior of the Netherese and the interior of the Maternity Hospital were repainted, and the Nurses' Home was thoroughly renovated inside and out and a flush sanitary system installed. It is hoped during 1929 to complete the renovation of the buildings and that it will be possible in future to do one building each year and so avoid a large expenditure in any one year.

Medical Work.

The number of in-patients treated during the year was 1,468, each hospital showing a slight increase as compared with 1927. The out-patients number 11,555 and the total number of attendances 24,065 as compared with 10,787 and 22,277 respectively during 1927. During the year we received information that Captain T. P. Hall was prepared to give to the Hospitals a residence at Pokfulam to be used as a sanatorium or in the event of the building being found unsuitable for this purpose to be sold or rented, the proceeds to be held towards the erection of a sanatorium at some future date.

The arrangements for the transfer of the property were not completed at the end of the year but we expect the final transfer to take place in 1929, and should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Captain Hall for his very generous gift.

Evangelistic Work.

The London Missionary Society supports Mr. Ho the hospital evangelist and Mrs. Koo the biblewoman, the latter for some years through special contributions from Halstead Congregational Church Essex. Both Mr. Ho and Mrs. Koo have done excellent work during the year in the wards and outpatient department and apart from speaking at the services have shown themselves real friends to the patients, especially to those from the country who often have no one in Hong Kong to help them. We feel that the work they are doing is really worth while and we are greatly indebted to them for all their help.

Acknowledgments.

Apart from acknowledgments made elsewhere in this report we should like to thank Mr. H. R. Forsyth and Mr. A. Sommerfeldt, Messrs. Linstead & Davis for the work they have done as Hon. Treasurers during the year. The collecting of the Furnishing Fund and the new building have meant extra work and our Treasurers have given very generously of their time. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews have again very kindly audited the accounts.

We are very much indebted to Mr. T. N. Chau for again collecting the Chinese donations, and to all our friends who have again shown their interest in our work.

The Superintendent would also like to express his appreciation of the help he has received from the members of the Executive Committee during the absence of Dr. Gibson on leave and also for the splendid support he has had from the Staff, Chinese and non-Chinese alike, throughout the year.

THE ESTIMATES FOR 1929.

The estimates for 1929 were then presented by the secretary, the Rev. H. R. Wells, and were passed on the proposal of Mr. J. V. L. Pattenden, seconded by Mr. W. H. Bell.

Receipts.

Chinese General	\$7,000
Patients	1,150
Guilds	1,400
Non-Chinese	7,450
Total	\$17,000
Investments	6,000
Government grant	5,000
Reimbursements	16,000
Bank interest	100
Deficit for 1928	800
Total	\$45,000

Expenditure.

Salaries	\$18,500
Food	8,300
Clothing	700
Printing	700
Laundry	1,900
Heating, etc.	2,420
Telephone, etc.	1,000
Furnishings	1,050
Repairs	3,350
Building Deprec.	500
Medicines	4,630
Sundries	750
Total	\$45,000

Election of Officers.

The proposal "that the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock be elected Chairman and the Hon. Dr. Tso Deputy Chairman for the year 1929" was moved by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau and accepted unanimously.

Dr. Tso proposed, and Mr. A. Stevenson seconded, that "the following gentlemen be elected members of the Executive Committee for the year 1929: Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, T. N. Chau, J. M. Wong, R. H. Kotewall and Paul Lauder." Carried unanimously.

The following new members were elected to the General Committee, on the proposal of Mr. S. T. Butlin, seconded by Mr. M. F. Key: Messrs. B. D. F. Beith, W. E. L. Shenton, P. S. Cassidy, M. K. Lo and Tang Chia Kin.

"An Admirable Beggar."

The following motion was moved by Sir Henry Pollock, and seconded by Mr. U. Rummah.

"That the thanks of the Committee be presented to Mr. T. N. Chau for collecting the Chinese donations, to Messrs. Linstead & Davis for their services as Hon. Treasurers, and to Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews for auditing the accounts."

Sir Henry Pollock in proposing the motion said that they all knew what an admirable beggar Mr. Chau was and he hoped that the thanks they were now offering him for all he had done would not deter him from further efforts but act as a spur!

Drs. Coxon and Ernest To.

The Secretary made a short statement with regard to the sale of the Hollywood Road Dispensary which had brought in about \$7,000. It had been sold for \$35,500. Continuing he said: "We have had the dispensary for six years. During the whole of that time Dr. Coxon and latterly Dr. Ernest To have been the physicians to the out-patients. Over 30,000 patients had been treated and over 65,000 visits were made by the physicians. That will give some idea of the work done by these two doctors. It must also be remembered that the clinic was held in the morning, which was the most busy time for all medical practitioners, and therefore the services of Drs. Coxon and Ernest To are all the more appreciated."

Those Present.

Those present at the meeting were: Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (Chairman), Dr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E. (Deputy Chairman), the Rev. H. R. Wells (Secretary), Mr. S. T. Butlin (Treasurer), Dr. F. E. Ashton (Superintendent of the Hospital), Mr. Justice Wood, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, M. F. Key, J. M. Wong, W. H. Bell, Paul Lauder, A. Stevenson, T. N. Chau, U. Rummah, Mrs. Ward (matron), and Mr. Wynne Jones.

THE END OF THE WATER CRISIS.

ISLAND HAS 1,000 MILLION GALLONS: KOWLOON RESERVOIRS FULL.

COLONY GAINS 653 M.G. IN A WEEK.

NOT ENOUGH FOR RIDER MAIN SUPPLY.

237 M.G. IN TWO DAYS.

In the 48 hours following 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, Island reservoirs registered the enormous gain of 237 million gallons. The greater part of this was collected during the 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. yesterday, the gain according to the official estimate being 168 million gallons, as against 71 million for the preceding 24 hours. The total storage yesterday morning was 822.35 million, and as there was still a steady flow into the reservoirs at the time, the storage will exceed 1,000 million when the figures are taken this morning.

The rainfall at the reservoirs over the three days up to yesterday morning was five inches, the heaviest fall being at Tsim Tsai. At the time of taking the figures Tsim Tsai was nearly full, and an overflow was expected at about noon. Tsim Tsai was still 60 feet below overflow, or only about one-quarter full, and there is room for another 1,050 million gallons. A rapid rise in the level is expected from tomorrow when Tsim Tsai receives the overflow from the other reservoirs. Pokfulam reservoir was the only one which registered an overflow early in the week-end.

There was a smaller rainfall in Kowloon during the week-end, the figure being roughly three inches, as against five inches in Hong Kong. The position, however, is very satisfactory, as the storage rose to 354 million gallons yesterday morning. At the main dam the water level was then 3 feet 6 inches below overflow. It is expected that by tomorrow there will be an overflow, as the reservoir is filling up steadily.

LAST WEEK'S GAINS AND CONSUMPTION.

HONG KONG SUPPLY.

The official report from the P.W.D. states:—
The total storage in the Island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, July 29, amounted to 993.80 million gallons showing an increase of 533.55 million gallons during the past week: the amount collected from streams being 559.46 million gallons.

The week's consumption totals 31.53 million gallons and is made up as follows:—

From City mains	25.68
Taikoo	31
Taikoo	29*
Leichikok	1.02*
Tsun Wan	1.80*
Steamers, etc.	1.53*
Total	31.53

*To tanks.

KOWLOON SUPPLY.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, July 29, amounted to 397.04 million gallons, showing an increase of 120.04 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption, excluding supplies to Hong Kong is 22.31 million gallons plus .09 from the Tsun Wan supply making a total of 22.40 million gallons. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 144.31 million gallons.

TANK SUPPLY SUSPENDED.

From to-day (Tuesday) water supply through the tanks will be suspended and the street fountains between Queen's Road and the Praya will be opened. The position will be reviewed at the end of September.

NO RIDER MAIN SUPPLY.

It is understood that the question of a rider main supply, which is reckoned to mean an expenditure of eight million gallons a day cannot be entertained unless considerably more water is obtained. According to the statement by the Director of Public Works on July 8 a two hours rider main supply means an expenditure of eight million gallons a day. With 1,000 million gallons in store that would mean a supply of 125 days or till the beginning of December—when four months of certain dry season lie ahead. The weather is an uncontrollable factor. More rain is expected, but there is no reason why the drought should not once more descend for an unlimited period.

The Government are now giving a service which eliminates the real sufferings of the past month, but to indulge in extravagance would be the height of folly. Until the expected rain has filled the great Tsim Tsai reservoir a conservative policy is essential.

Mr. Creasy and Chinese Representations.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., had a lengthy discussion recently with the three Chinese members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Kotewall suggested a two weeks' trial of a two hours rider main supply on the Island, but Mr. Creasy replied that in his opinion the supplies in hand did not warrant the expenditure which that would mean. They must wait until the biggest reservoir, Tsim Tsai, had much more water in it than at present. He would, however, consult H.E. the Governor on the matter and refer to it at the next Legislative Council meeting.

LIGHTERS AND TUGS 'RETURNED.'

At the Water Control Office Mr. S. T. Williamson informed our representative that in view of the closing down of the tanks they were no longer bringing water over from the mainland. The lighters and tugs chartered by and lent to the Office had been returned. The pipe lines and piers erected at the Tsun Wan, Butterjee, Lan Tao and other minor sources of auxiliary supply would not be dismantled for the moment. At present they were busy clearing up their accounts.

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BANDITS STILL ACTIVE.**THE ENROLMENT OF A CHIEF.**

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, July 29.

A sharp fight took place last Friday evening between the Police and a group of bandits in three sampans off Tai Sha Tau. The bandits were part of the notorious gang under Lau Tau Fat, who have been terrorizing East River traffic, exacting toll from every junk passing a certain solitary reach near Shoktan. Three sampans loaded with firewood were boarded and a "protection" fee of \$50 demanded. The owners of the wood said that they had no money to pay and they begged to be allowed to go to Canton for the money and this the gang accepted.

Everything went well until the sampans reached Tai Sha Tau in front of the 4th Police Station, when one of the owners slipped ashore and notified the Police. A battle ensued. But the bandits were finally captured.

A NEW REGIMENT!

Yuen Ha Kuu, the notorious ex-bandit-chief who has come to Canton to arrange for the incorporation of his followers into the Canton Army, is still here. The ex-bandit is living the life of a big military leader and has been staying in the Asia Hotel.

According to the *Min Kuo Daily News*, Yuen Ha Kuu is to be made Colonel of a regiment. The newspaper adds that his force of 2,000 armed men are encamped near Tsang Shing City on the East River, awaiting incorporation as regulars of General Chen Tsai Tong's Army.

GENERAL CHEN TSAI TONG LEAVES.

General Chen Tsai Tong has left Canton for Nanking. He expects to leave Hong Kong by the s.s. *Empress of France*. Accompanying the General will be Mr. Lin I Chung, a member of the Provincial Government of Kwangtung, and his secretary, Mr. Tang Dat Tsai. General Chen expects to return to Canton as soon as the Nanking Military Conference is over. Meanwhile Mr. Li King Pang will carry on the military affairs of Kwangtung during his absence.

CHEN TSAI TONG PASSES THROUGH.

General Chen Tsai Tong, the Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Forces, arrived in Hong Kong aboard the gunboat, *Chungshan* yesterday afternoon en route to Nanking to attend the Disbandment and Reorganization Conference. He will sail to-day on the President Jackson for Shanghai.

BANDITS IN HONAN.**NOT WANTED IN ARMY.**

Peking.—General Liu Chen Hua, commander of the 11 Route army, has sent a telegram to the Government in Nanking urging the adoption of drastic measures to exterminate the bandits and other lawless elements in Honan, strongly condemning the proposal to incorporate them into the regular army.

It is pointed out that the majority of these lawless elements are being encouraged in following this unlawful occupation, with the ultimate object of being accepted and incorporated in the army later.

News of the fall of Linju, Lon-ling, Lushan, Paocheng, Mienchi and Mentain and various acts of inhuman atrocities are now reported.

Unless drastic action to exterminate them is taken, banditry will become rampant, Gen. Liu concluded. Gen. Liu also sent a circular telegram to Generals Tang Beng Chi, Fang Chen Wu and Han Fu Chu urging them to take co-operative measures jointly to carry out an effective campaign for the complete extermination of bandits now infesting Honan and Shantung and to recommend to pacify them and accept their surrender for incorporation into the army.

LOK SUN GUTTED AMIDSHIPS.**DUE TO SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.****THE SHIP SOLD FOR SCRAP IRON.**

"I have just had a message from Mr. Brayfield saying that the Lok Sun has been gutted amidships," said Captain G. D. Arthur, of Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, the ill-fated vessel's agents.

"That means the bridge, cabin accommodation and boats have gone. The ship is still smouldering but the fire is under control."

Captain Arthur went on to say that while it was quite possible that the ship had been fired by a marauding gang of pirates or piratically minded seamen, a more likely cause of the outbreak was spontaneous combustion.

There was in the bunkers, a very inflammable supply of coal and it was more than possible that this had got wet during the fortnight the ship had been stranded. For some days there had been no one on board to take the usual precautions.

Asked as to the chances of salvaging the ship, Captain Arthur said bluntly there was no chance.

It might have been possible to cut her in half like the *Tijelboet*, but it wouldn't be worth it for a ship like the Lok Sun.

Asked how the vessel came to be stranded, Captain Arthur said that the Master would, of course, say nothing except at an official enquiry.

"The currents in that part are extraordinarily tricky. You often get a set of 2 1/2 miles an hour, but you can't always tell which way. Typhoon weather is apt to 'play the deuce' with the currents."

Fetches a Fair Price.

Despite her somewhat serious disadvantages the Lok Sun found brisk bidders when she was put up for auction yesterday by Messrs. Lammett Bros. Starting at \$1,000 the price was raised to \$11,900 when the ship was knocked down to the Sun Fat Co. of 640, Canton Road. The vessel's dimensions are: Length, 224 feet; breadth 37.2 feet; depth 19 feet and her net tonnage is 1,044.

CLEVER POLICE WORK.**CITY STORE BURGLARS ARRESTED.****BIG JEWEL HAUL RECOVERED.**

Astute detective work on the part of Sgt. J. Murphy and Sgt. Flattery, of the Hong Kong Police, led to the early recovery of a haul of \$6,000 worth of jewellery stolen recently from Messrs. Sincere's.

When the robbery was reported last week, these officers were entrusted with the investigations and as a result of their enquiries they found that a certain Chinese had been attempting to obtain settings for a quantity of jade from a jeweller's shop at 40, Gage Street.

Further clues led to a maid on the first floor of 40, Gage Street, who is occupied by a woman. Here the police found two men whom they arrested and as a result of information given by these two men, a search was carried out in a room at the Meichow Hotel, where two suitcases, one containing the jewellery and the other burglar's implements were discovered.

It is interesting to note that the burglary outfit was of the latest design. One implement, described as a "Five-in-one" is a clever contrivance which contains a hammer, a pick, a lever, a screw driver and a pair of pliers. Another is an up-to-date drill with which it is believed the thieves gained entry into Messrs. Sincere's.

The Police theory is that the robbers gained entry by making a hole in the verandah door on the third floor of Messrs. Sincere's. Once inside they would have had no difficulty in finding their way out through the ordinary doors.

Following the discovery in the Meichow Hotel, the Police returned to No. 40, Gage Street, where they arrested the woman occupant and her two amahs, all of whom are said to have been in possession of some of the stolen property.

The defendants, we understand, will appear before Mr. E. W. Hamilton to-day.

SHIP'S STEWARD SUED.**CLAIM FOR MISSING ARTICLES.****PLAINTIFFS NON-SUITED.**

At the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), the Sai Nam Steamship Company were plaintiffs in a claim for \$980.75 against Kwong Lam, a former steward of the steamer *Charles Hardouin*.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., was for the defendant.

In outlining his case, Mr. Hall explained that certain articles of furniture and utensils were entrusted to the defendant by the plaintiffs for use on the s.s. *Charles Hardouin* while defendant was steward, from January 12 to June 6 this year. Defendant ceased to be the steward of the vessel on the latter date, and when his successor took stock many articles were missing as detailed in the statement of claim.

The manager of the plaintiff firm stated in evidence that he instructed an assistant to engage a caterer for the European passengers on the vessel, which was chartered by the firm from January 13. His instructions were that the caterer was to pay a rent of \$120 a month. Defendant was engaged as dining room steward, and he was paid a salary for other work connected with the comfort of the passengers.

Monthly Wage of Ten Cents.

In cross-examination, witness admitted that the defendant's wages were only ten cents a month. "Some get that much and some more," said witness. He added that the steward would make a profit by selling the meals at a higher price than that fixed by the firm.

Evidence of the alleged shortages in the stock was given by defendant's successor, who found difficulty in explaining satisfactorily the items in the inventory. Witness said that he had heard defendant's name, but he had never had any dealings with him. Prior to June 6 when defendant was dismissed, witness took stock together with a fuki of the defendant.

Case for Plaintiff Not Clear.

In giving judgment his Lordship commented on the very doubtful nature of the case. No demand for the goods had been made while the defendant was still in the employ of the plaintiff firm. Another point was the "unsatisfactory evidence of the second witness, and further the claim was not good as depreciation and allowances for breakages would have to be deducted from the amount claimed, which was based on original cost prices of the articles.

His Lordship said that under the circumstances he would non-suit the plaintiffs, with liberty to apply, and give costs to defendant with an order that execution be deferred for one month.

Defendant Involved in Three Cases.

Mr. d'Almada explained that the defendant had already consented to judgment in a claim for provisions supplied to the vessel by another firm while the defendant was the steward. In a former action the defendant was given judgment in a claim which he brought against the plaintiffs. His Lordship directed the parties to see him in Chambers this morning.

A STRANGE CATCH.**COW IN A FISHING NET.**

Anything out of the ordinary, even an unfortunate couple who has split his lead of parcels, will immediately attract a large crowd of curious Chinese, and probably a number of busier people who might have enjoyed the spectacle went past with a shrug of their shoulders when they noticed the crowd on the Hoi On Wharf at 11 a.m. yesterday. Yet if they had pushed their way to the front their curiosity would have been rewarded by a sight which might have been the inspiration of a useful anecdote! It is not often that you can see a cow struggling in a fishing net.

A herd of cows was being driven ashore from the s.s. *Kachow* when one of them fell overboard. She landed right in the middle of a fishing net which was being spread out to dry over his sampa by an old man. The beast's frantic struggles and cries soon attracted a crowd, but when she was at last safely landed the net was torn to shreds. The fishermen claimed damages which the owner of the cow agreed to pay.

ROUND THE COURTS.**STOLE HIS YOUNG NIECE'S BAIL!**

When Revenue Officers raided a Chinese house over the week-end they found a quantity of illicit opium and arrested a young girl who occupied the cubicle where the drug was found.

Not wishing the girl to spend a night in the Police cells, fellow tenants and the girl's relatives raised \$500 which was required to bail the girl out. The money was handed to the girl's uncle, who, instead of taking it to the Police Station, absconded with it.

The trick was particularly mean, as some of the relatives and neighbours had to pawn their belongings to raise the money.

The girl was fined \$50 yesterday by Mr. E. W. Hamilton or in default five months' imprisonment. The amount of the fine was, according to the bench about half the amount the girl would have had to pay on the ordinary scale of fines for opium offences, but the uncle's theft had been taken into consideration.

The authorities indicated that they hoped to lay their hands on the girl's uncle before long.

UNTRUTHS!

Revenue Officers were led a dance by a little Chinese girl whom they arrested recently in possession of 36 taels of illicit opium. The child alleged that she was engaged to carry the opium, by a man who was still at large. Attempts to get the girl to disclose her employers led to the officers searching for two fictitious addresses. Finally the girl led the officers to a street where they got hold of her brother, who turned out, however, to be as untruthful as the girl. The girl has been sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs as she has no parents. The necessary remand was granted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton before whom the child was brought yesterday.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A further charge was made against Luis Oliva, a Filipino, who was arrested last week on charges of indecently assaulting Mrs. N. Frailadona and of assaulting her husband at 5 King's Terrace, 2nd floor.

The defendant was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith yesterday and Detective Sergeant Fitches handed his Worship the new charge against defendant in respect of Mrs. Frailadona under the same Ordinance for the Protection of Women and Girls.

It was explained that the new charge was in substitution for the original charge of "indecent assault, and that the case would be a committal one.

His Worship remanded the defendant till Thursday afternoon when the case will be fully gone into.

Before leaving the Court defendant asked for the production of certain photographs. The police explained that defendant had certain photographs and letters which might have some bearing on the cases. These together with the witnesses the defendant wished to call would be produced at the hearing.

YAU MATI MARKET MURDER.

Inspector Fallon applied for a another week's remand in the case in which a Chinese is charged with the murder of an Indian constable near the Kan Chung Market, Yau-mati. It was mentioned that the Crown were trying to secure several important witnesses from the country.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

The case against a mistress of a sampa who was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith with unlawful possession of four spanners, two chisels and a scrubbing brush was dismissed by his Worship, on the grounds that there was no evidence that the articles could be reasonably suspected of having been stolen.

(Continued on next column.)

CYCLE-OWNER SUES GARAGE.**ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED SALE.****SEQUEL TO AN ACCIDENT.**

A claim for the return of a Harley Davidson motor-cycle, or its value stated to be \$675, and \$200 compensation for its detention was brought in the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood).

Mr. F. H. Losby represented the plaintiff, Leung Yuen Chan, of Laichikok Road, Shamshuipo, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., appeared for the defendant, the proprietor of the Tai Yau Garage, Causeway Bay.

The plaintiff's case was that he bought the cycle new in December last and a fortnight later the machine was damaged in an accident on Shaikwan Road. Plaintiff was injured and had been in hospital for two months. It was ascertained later that the defendant sold the machine on instructions alleged to have been given by Ah Kwong, plaintiff's partner, but without plaintiff's consent.

After hearing evidence his Lordship said he thought he was bound to find for the defendant, as it was clear he had acted on instructions to sell the machine.

Point of "Reasonable Cost."

Mr. Losby remarked there was the point as to whether it was sold at a reasonable cost.

His Lordship:—Why do you claim \$675?

Mr. Losby:—It was simply a question of evidence, and it was the only figure I could prove.

His Lordship:—At the most, the defendant is liable for the value of the article as he received it. The value, as he received it, was something very much less than \$675. His Lordship later said:—"You don't gain the sympathy of the Court by putting up an excessive claim."

Evidence to decide the reasonable price point was called from Sergeant J. Brown, of the traffic police. Witness described the damage done to the machine in the accident, and stated that in his opinion a good second-hand motor-cycle should fetch 50 per cent. of the price when new.

Judgment was given for the defendant with costs.

It was pointed out that the tools bore the Government mark. Defendant stated that they had been left on her sampa by her late husband who was employed on a motor boat.

The two chisels were confiscated but the other articles were ordered to be returned to the defendant.

MEAN SPIRITED FOREMAN.

A coalyard coolie of the M. B. K. yards in Yaumati was charged before Mr. Whyte Smith with assaulting a foreman of the yard who was described as a man of delicate constitution. Defendant said the foreman kicked him and he struck back.

Inspector Fallon intimated that the complainant had pretended to be worse than he actually was. He lay on the ground so as to excite sympathy. If he had any spirit at all he would have defended himself instead of seeking redress through the police.

The defendant was discharged with a caution.

ANOTHER OBSTRUCTION SUMMONS.

Two motor-cyclists, Messrs. Berrux and Groten Huie were summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy for causing obstruction by leaving their cycles over the line previously reserved for motorcycles under the Star Ferry Shed. In view of the recent alterations made by the C. S. P. these are perhaps the last summonses in respect of this line.

Both defendants admitted the offence and pleaded that they did not see the sign board. Mr. Berrux, remarked that it "was only a few inches long and he did not notice it." Mr. Groten Huie said that he loaned his machine to a friend who left it over the line. The latter had only informed him of the summons a few hours ago. He would, however, admit the offence on behalf of his friend.

Both defendants were fined \$3.00.

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Hong Kong, 30th July, 1929. [8173]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN MCCONNELL, LATE OF COLLEGE GREEN HOUSE, 66, BOTANIC AVENUE, BELFAST, IRELAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 25th AUGUST, 1929.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

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Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

Pressure continue highest over S. Japan. The western typhoon is situated about 100 miles north-east of Haiphong, moving W.N.W. The eastern typhoon is situated in the Formosa Channel, moving north-westwards towards Amoy.

Local Forecast:—S.W. winds, moderate, cloudy, generally, rain later.

Manila, July 29, 9.30 a.m.—Typhoon in about 120deg. Long. E. and 23deg. Lat. N., moving N.W.

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SHIRT-SLEEVE DIPLOMACY.

There is a very vital difference between the British and American systems of selecting men to fill the important positions of Ministers and Ambassadors. The representatives abroad of the British Government are men who have spent their whole lives in the diplomatic service. American representatives in similar positions have not, as a rule, any previous experience of the work handled by the Department of State. They are usually men who have made their mark as financiers, lawyers, or even in industry—practical business-men accustomed to sitting at their desks in their shirt-sleeves and handling swiftly and effectively those problems and difficulties which are encountered daily by thousands of other men engaged in similar business on a smaller scale. Mr. DAVES, the newly-appointed U.S. Ambassador in London, was a successful lawyer and banker before he distinguished himself as a military administrator. His appearance as a diplomat in what is probably the most important post under the State Department is an event which could not happen under the British system without a very great departure from precedent such as would be regarded in Whitehall as revolutionary. That it is essential for a man to enter the diplomatic service at the age of twenty-five in order to become a successful Minister or Ambassador thirty years later nobody can really believe, but that has been the British way of looking at the situation. How long the system will persist is another matter.

The selection of a new United States Ambassador for Japan to succeed Mr. McVea (now in the United States on leave), and a new Minister for China to succeed Mr. J. VAN A. MACMURRAY, is awaited with interest throughout the Far East, no less by statesmen of the countries concerned than by Americans residing in the Japanese Empire and the Chinese Republic. American business interests in the Orient generally would prefer non-career men for both the Tokyo and the China posts—men who can talk the business-man's language and who understand his problems and his viewpoint. "What we need," many leading Americans say, "is more men of the type of DWIGHT MONROE, the United States Ambassador to Mexico."

Mr. Monro was formerly a member of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and to many Americans in the Orient represents the ideal type of citizen for an Ambassador—combining a broad knowledge of international conditions with a sound knowledge of commerce and finance. In this connection American business-men in Japan always are interested when the name of SILAS STRAWN, of Chicago, is mentioned as a possible selection for the China or Japan posts. Mr. STRAWN was chief delegate of the United States at the Tariff Conference in Peking two years ago, and made a most favourable impression on Americans generally. He is said to have told

associates at that time that he would hardly care to consider a diplomatic appointment, as he preferred living in the United States. Americans in the Orient think, however, that if President Hoover urged Mr. STRAWN, he might accept a post in China or Japan.

In this connection there are continued reports in unofficial circles that the United States will elevate its Legation in Peking to an Embassy, following the example of Japan, which is reported reliably already to have decided upon such a step. There is also considerable speculation in Tokyo as to whether or not the United States will not soon begin preparations for moving its Legation to Nanking, the new capital. Japanese opinion generally is that the Kuomintang Government has come to stay, and that any talk of the capital being removed back to Peking is futile. Hence they consider it only a question of time before the Powers must follow the examples of some of the smaller States and build diplomatic premises in Nanking.

It has been reliably reported that Mr. MACMURRAY will leave Peking very soon for Washington to confer with officials of the State Department, and will not return to China. To date, however, there has been no official utterance from Washington which would indicate that the President contemplates a change in the China post. Reports that the name of Mr. MACMURRAY has been submitted to the Japanese Foreign Office as Ambassador at Tokyo are categorically denied both by the United States Embassy and the Foreign Office. The same sources deny that the name of Dr. HUBERT WORK, former Secretary of Interior and President Hoover's campaign manager, ever was mentioned to the Japanese Government as the next American Ambassador. As a matter of fact, many Americans feel that Dr. WORK is too old for the post. He is 69, and the strain of the work handled by the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo is said to be too much for a man of this age.

News and Views.

No cases of notifiable disease were reported during the week-end.

Mr. Lennox, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. reports to the police that he lost from his car No. 1445, parked in Peder Street, on July 25, a camera valued at \$40.

The Catholic Mission at Hankow has received word that Father Leonard was captured by bandits near Nanfeng, Kiangsi on July 15, and was killed on July 17. No details of the murder have been received.

A Chinese who was caught in possession of 304 taels of illicit opium concealed in the false bottom of a basket was fined \$7,600 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistrate. The alternative was twelve months' hard labour.

Stockholders in the Standard Oil Company of Indiana are meeting on August 27 to vote on a proposal to increase the company's capital stock to \$450,000,000. They will also vote on a proposal to acquire all or part of the common stock of the Pan-American Company.

At about 3.30 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese youth dropped down while he was walking in Leighton Hill Road near the Craigengower Cricket Club. He was carried to the pavement and attended to, but died shortly after. The body was removed to No. 2 Police Station and later to the Mortuary.

Twelve Customs patrolmen and 10 run-runners clashed in two battles within a mile of the city limits of El Paso, following which two smuggling gangs withdrew into Mexico taking with them two dead and three wounded gangsters. No officers were injured, and they captured six prisoners, two automobiles, three trucks and 200 gallons of liquor. The first clash lasted 40 minutes and ended with the Customs and obtained reinforcements which joined in the second battle.

A thief broke into a flat in "A" Block of the Kowloon Dock residences, on Sunday night. He was caught when helping himself to the silverware, and was led away to the police. When reaching the terrace he broke loose and jumped over, falling heavily and injuring himself. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

Five Russian airmen plan to make a flight from Moscow to New York, leaving about August 1 and arriving some time in September. Their route will include Moscow, Kamchatka, Siberia, the Aleutian Islands and the Pacific Coast, thence on to New York. The Department of Commerce of the United States has given its official approval.

Hollywood may lose the famous "It" girl, Harry Richson, fiancé of Clara Bow, has announced that he does not want Clara to continue to display herself in the movies. Clara says she is agreeable to this view of the situation and they have accordingly booked passage for Europe on the Bremen, sailing September 12, for what may prove a long tour. The date of the wedding has not been announced.

Clinton State Prison, N.Y., famed as "the toughest prison in the world," was the scene on July 22 of a four-hour riot in which 12,000 men were engaged. Armed with axes, mallets, and hammers obtained from the carpenter's shop, three convicts shot and killed 50, injured two guards, and burned two shops. Guards finally subdued the riot when they threatened to use tear bombs.

The two privates who were deserted from the K.O.S.B. on the 23rd of this month were brought back from Manila on Sunday on board the Empress of France, on which vessel they had stowed away. It appears that they gave themselves up when the liner was a day out at sea, and were taken on to Manila. A wireless message informed the local military authorities of their whereabouts and the fact that they would be brought back in the Empress of France.

Bishop James Cannon, a famous "dry" advocate, terms the Wickersham suggestion for modification of Prohibition enforcement "defeatist." He said that Mr. Wickersham's intimation that the Prohibition laws were unenforceable were "premature and hazy." Mr. Wickersham, head of President Hoover's law enforcement commission, recently suggested in a letter to a conference of State Governors that the Federal Government should turn over to State Governments control of sale and production of liquor.

Commenting upon the proposal that China should restore the Chinese Eastern Railway to the status quo before opening negotiations for a Sino-Russian settlement, Dr. Wu Chao Chu, Chinese Minister to Washington, said that China will maintain the position that the railroad was never seized. China had merely ousted several disloyal employees, Dr. Wu said, and implied that this does not overthrow the provisions of the 1924 agreement, which provided for joint Sino-Russian operation of the line. We wonder what Dr. Wu will think of all the violent anti-Russian war slogans circulated by his compatriots in Canton.

Good News for Ball Players.

It appears, after all, that there will be some baseball played in the Colony this season. We understand that the Director of Public Works has informed Mr. H. Hong Sling, hon. secretary of the Baseball Association, that there is no objection to games being played on "Area C" at Caroline Hill up to October. This ground is allotted to the Navy Recreation Club for football, and is available for such purposes throughout the year. During the summer, however, no football is played, and moreover the Fleet is away from the Colony, consequently Area C stands idle for several months. It is understood that permission has been now given for baseball to be played on the Navy's ground any day except Thursday and Friday. Ball players will greatly appreciate the friendly and helpful attitude taken by the Naval authorities in granting the use of this ground. A committee meeting of the Baseball Association will be held on August 1st, at which an official announcement may be expected concerning the season's fixtures.

CASTLE PEAK ROAD LANDSLIDE.

ROAD TO BE CLOSED FOR SOME TIME.

The landslide which occurred on the Castle Peak Road at the acute corner at 15 1/2 mile point last Tuesday night following heavy rains, has proved more serious than was at first expected. The P.W.D. gang which was sent out on Wednesday morning effected temporary repairs by 4.30 p.m. the same afternoon, but a further downfall of heavy rain caused the large boulders at the top of the cliff to fall on to the roadway bringing with them several tons of debris. This occurred on Friday night and in consequence the road was again closed to traffic.

Our representative visited the scene of the landslide, which is at a deep corner cutting. The debris covers the road to a height of about 12 feet, leaving a foot or so clear on the near side. The Chung Mei Motor Bus Service, however, continues to run, passengers having to walk around the corner and continue their journey on another of the Company's buses which waits on the other side of the obstruction.

Mr. E. Newhouse of the Roads Department told our representative that it will be some time before the road can be re-opened for traffic. The work of clearing away the debris is very difficult as the weight of the boulders still lodged in the cliff causes a continuous landslide. When the work is complete the present sharp corner will be eliminated and a gradual curve will take its place.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Yesterday Hong Kong welcomed her thirteenth Governor with as much warmth and energy as the breezy air and the stored calorics would admit. It is difficult, in the July heat and in the press of business involved in the outgoing mail, for the commercial community to turn out even to greet a newly-arrived Governor, and hence the assemblage at the Blake Pier, though fairly representative, was perhaps hardly as imposing as it assuredly would have been under other conditions. None the less, however, we are sure the Colony accords most hearty welcome to Sir Matthew Nathan. The new Governor, though perhaps the youngest of his twelve predecessors, has a distinguished record, and if we could feel any lingering doubt on the subject the Secretary of State for the Colonies has publicly vouchsafed for his Excellency's ability. That Sir Matthew also possesses taste and knowledge of men as well as of things we may take for granted. Whether our new Governor has received a equally favourable impression of us and our surroundings yet remained to be learned. But we have some reason to hope so.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, July 30, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

"Sir, I was too much astonished at the remarks made by Messrs. Taylor and Morgan at the meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company this afternoon to make any reply even if I had thought advisable to do so, but on consideration I do not think it right to allow them to go to the public without comment. I am accused of speculating in shares, to the ruin of young men of this Colony. This is a grave charge, and I feel it acutely, as it is, as I can prove, utterly undeserved. By speculating in shares I understand that buying and selling is meant. If this be so, I have not speculated; I have merely sold. In order that my position may be understood, I may say that I have not bought either a Steamboat or Bank share for many years. Some years back I bought a large number of Steamboat shares when they were at 40 premium, and to protect my own interest I became a director. Will anyone blame me for doing so? I have not sold a single share since that time. Can anyone accuse me of speculating in Steamboats? Referring to Banks I have been a large holder of these shares for a number of years. I bought in prosperous times, I held them through the eighteen months when no dividend was paid, and then when better days came I deemed I had a right to sell. For the past two years I have intended to leave the Colony, and have remained chiefly because I could not realise my property advantageously. Accordingly, when Bank shares were about 70 premium I put mine on the market here and they were sold. Subsequently the shares went up some 25 per cent further, and I consequently did not obtain the highest price for them. This was not speculation, nor can I, in selling, be accused of taking advantage of the market. I am, however, a deliberate trader.—E. K. Bellamy.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, July 30, 1879.

ITALIAN CONSUL-GENERAL SAILS.

A POPULAR OFFICIAL.

Among the passengers leaving by the s.s. President Jefferson for U.S.A. and Northern ports to-day are Commander and Mrs. A. Baistrocchi, the Italian Consul-General for Hong Kong.

Commander Baistrocchi's departure will be deeply regretted by the local Italian community among whom he has been very popular during his short stay of only a year. While here, Commander Baistrocchi has taken a keen interest in the Colony and in China, having made frequent journeys through Kwangtung and Kwangsi. He also took a special interest in the Italian Missions in China and it was due to his energetic appeals to the Canton Government that Father Dalmasso, who was taken by bandits two months ago, was released.

Commander Baistrocchi served with distinction in the Italian Navy during the Great War and holds a number of decorations Italian and foreign.

Accompanying Commander and Mrs. Baistrocchi is their 11-year-old son. Commander Baistrocchi was unfortunate in losing his six-year-old son only two months after his arrival.

SALE OF CROWN LAND.

FOUR LOTS AT UPSET PRICES.

At the Crown Lands Office yesterday afternoon four lots of land were sold by public auction. The first, Inland Lot No. 8912, was sold to Mr. Kong Yung of 22, Connaught Road Central, at the upset price of \$23,320. The area is about 11,600 square feet and the lot is situated at Wong Nei Chong. The annual Crown rental is \$86.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2203 situated on Prince Edward Road, was sold to Mr. Katt Chui Wong, of Wing On Life Insurance Co. for \$3,500. The upset price was \$7,500. It has an area of about 15,000 square feet and an annual Crown rental of \$104.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1262 was next offered and purchased by Messrs. Cheung Wun Nam and Leung Shui of 18, Mongkok Road, at the upset price of \$3,450. The land is situated on Cheung Sha Wan Road and has an area of about 2,300 square feet. It has an annual Crown rental of \$18.

Rural Building Lot No. 323, situated at Wanchai Gap, was sold to Mr. E. F. Ronald Sample of Messrs. Dennison, Ram & Gibbs, at the upset price of \$1,650. The area is about 14,000 square feet and the annual Crown rental \$50.

SERVICE MEN IN COURT.

FREE ON SATURDAY LEADS TO TROUBLE.

Pte. J. Craik of the K.O.S.B. and Stoker J. Hartell of H.M.S. Stormcloud appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday for refusing to pay \$3 car hire to the chauffeur of public car No. 831. Stoker Hartell was also charged with assaulting the chauffeur and with using abusive language at No. 2 Police Station.

The hearing has been fixed for Thursday afternoon. It is understood that a third man, Pte. Finnigan of the K.O.S.B. was also to have appeared before his Worship on a charge of refusing to pay the \$3 fare and also with the larceny of \$3 from the chauffeur. Pte. Finnigan, however, is at the moment in hospital with a broken leg and the case against him will be heard separately.

The three men are supposed to have had a "joy ride" on Saturday night ending up in front of the Seamen's Institute. Here they refused to pay the fare and on being pressed, the sailor is alleged to have assaulted the chauffeur, while Pte. Finnigan is stated to have deprived the man of \$3.

The parties were taken to the No. 2 Police Station, where Stoker Hartell is stated to have used abusive language to a European Police Sergeant. Pte. Finnigan had hurt his leg and was later removed to the Military Hospital. The other two were handed over to Military and Naval escorts which arrived at the Police Station in due course.

TROOPS LEAVE THE BORDER.

MORE NEGOTIATION RUMOURS.

THE MONGOL THREAT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, July 29. While the Foreign Office advises indicate that Chinese diplomats in various countries are extremely active, official confirmation of reports of negotiations in Berlin and elsewhere, aiming at a settlement of the Sino-Russian dispute, are lacking.

Meantime, Press despatches from Manchuria indicate that both Russia and China are withdrawing their troops from the border, creating a neutral zone for the purpose of avoiding clashes.

Manchuli reports are that Chinese troops last Monday started a withdrawal from the Manchuli sector in the direction of Hailar, leaving a small number of cavalry at the border. It is understood this movement is designed to avert the danger of clashes arising by the proximity of hostile forces. It is also believed that it will assist the opening of peace negotiations, though it is also reported that the Chinese are withdrawing because they fear a Mongol incursion from the West might cut off their retreat.

CONFERENCE LIKELY AT MANCHULI?

(Fah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, July 29. Reports are current in Harbin that when Chu Shao Yang, the Chinese Minister to Moscow, arrives at Harbin, a Sino-Soviet conference will be held at Manchuli. According to a telegram from Vladivostok, the Russian authorities are ready to negotiate. The Heilungkiang troops have been ordered to cease mobilisation, and the Russian staffs of the Chinese Eastern Railway have resumed work.

The Russian Consul in Harbin, after an interview with Chang Tso Hsiang, the Tapan of Kirin, has proceeded to Chihai, to see the Soviet envoy deputed by the Russian Government to conduct negotiations with China. They will go together to Harbin or Manchuli to open negotiations.

"PRECAUTIONS" ON THE BORDER.

[NAN CHUNG KUO NEWS SERVICE.]

KIRIN, July 29. The Kirin military authority has resolved to assign 50,000 Kirin troops for the defence of the Chinese Eastern Railway zone and the Manchurian border.

POWERS AND CONSULAR JURISDICTION.

(Fah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, July 29. The Central Government has received from The Hague a telegram, addressed by Dr. Wang Chung Hui, the Minister of Justice, saying that the Powers which still maintain consular jurisdiction in China are showing a favourable attitude towards the demand of China to have such privilege abolished.

Dr. Wang adds that he expects that the consular jurisdiction will be abolished before the end of the present year.

FAMINE HORRORS RELATED.

FOUR YEARS WITHOUT RAIN!

EVEN CORPSES EATEN!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, July 29. The return of the Chinese International Famine Relief Committee investigators makes it possible to sum up the present famine condition in the entire north of China.

Since last spring relief measures and rain have considerably reduced the area affected, while the number of sufferers has been halved, there now being about 35,000,000.

The famine areas are now in Central Kansu, Shensi (from Sianfu northwards), North Suiyuan, North Chahar, Inner Mongolia, and the Yellow River basin from the Shensi border to the sea. These areas of suffering are intensifying daily.

Central Kansu has had no rain for four years, and the wheat-growing area is like a desert. The Anting city population has been reduced to 3,000 from 60,000, and there is unquestionably a lot of cannibalism there. An investigator reports that one magistrate sought to punish those discovered eating corpses of famine victims, but the cannibals pointed out that they were only eating what the dogs ate.

Welcome Rain.

Apart from the areas mentioned, rain has now fallen in all the provinces, promising fair autumn crops, which will enable the inhabitants to carry on till the spring crops in 1930. This has also forced grain hoarders in many places to put stocks on the market, thus appreciably improving the position. Shansi province is well supplied with food, as the Shansi Government had bought immense quantities of grain.

In North Honan the Chinese Society is improving the position by assisting immigration to Manchuria. Over 14,000 people have already left, and more are going as soon as the railway opens up westward of Loyang.

Typhus has taken a heavy toll of foreign relief workers in Kansu, twenty of them being infected and only seven recovering. The thirty dead include French priests and English and American missionaries. Details are at present lacking.

WOMEN'S ENDURANCE FLIGHT.

A NEW RECORD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Le Bourget, July 29. Miss Maryse Bastie, aboard a 40 h.p. monoplane, has remained in the air 28 hours 46 minutes, beating a record made by Miss Elinor Smith, America's "flying flapper."

[Miss Smith, who is only 17 years of age, made a flight of over 26 hours ending on April 25 last.]

AVIATION'S PROGRESS.

M. BLERIOT'S PROPHECY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, July 29. Monsieur and Madame Bleriot were the guests of honour at a dinner celebrating the seventh International Aero Exhibition, at which many other pioneers of aviation were present, including Sir Arthur Whitten Brown who, with the late Sir John Alcock, made the first aeroplane flight across the Atlantic.

In a conversation, M. Bleriot said that whereas 20 years ago it took him 30 minutes to fly the Channel, he had now come across in 20. His original flight in 1909 was made in his 25 horse power monoplane which carried one person only while now he had come in a twin-engine monoplane of 1,000 horse power carrying several persons. Great as had been the advance in aviation in the past 20 years, equal great would it be, he predicted, in the next twenty. By 1949, he believed, there would be air liners flying between London and New York and there are to-day between London and Paris.

U.S. "NON-START" FLIGHT.

"CITY OF TACOMA" FAILS TO TAKE OFF.

PILOT UNHURT.

["D.P." Special Service.]

TACOMA, July 29. Lieut. Bromley, who was attempting to make a non-stop flight from Tacoma to Tokyo in his aeroplane the "City of Tacoma" had a mishap when he failed to take off. Bromley escaped serious injury.

His plane "taxied" a quarter-mile, attaining a speed of 35 miles an hour, when it suddenly swerved to the right, and turned on its right wing and its nose. The wing was demolished, and the plane's nose buried in the ground.

Lieut. Bromley jumped out, and asked to be rushed away from the field, as a wisp of smoke appeared above the wrecked machine. An ambulance was brought to the scene, whilst firemen worked frantically to prevent the ignition of the 555 gallons of gasoline carried.

Lieut. Bromley subsequently explained that the gas tank breather pipes splashed his goggles, which he tore off, when the gasoline splashed into his eyes. "I felt her going over in a ground loop," he said, "so I cut the switch."

Lieut. Bromley plans to make another attempt, providing his backers agree.—United Press.

"REDS" DEMONSTRATE IN LONDON.

COLLISION WITH POLICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 29. A Communist procession attempting to demonstrate to-day (Sunday) outside the Chinese Legation at No. 49, Portland-place, W., collided with the Police who dispersed the demonstrators, the latter going away and nursing bruises.

Fun In Sofia.

As a precautionary measure against the threat of Communists to hold a gigantic, world-wide demonstration on August 1, the Police have raided extremist organisations here.

Thirty-three persons were arrested. The newspaper *Rabotnicheskodelo* has suspended publication.

THE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

TO BE HELD AT THE HAGUE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, July 29. It is now settled that the Conference on Reparations and the Evacuation of the Rhineland will be held at The Hague. The conference will begin probably on August 5 or 6. In addition to the delegates of France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Japan the Governments of Greece, Roumania, Yugoslavia, Poland and Portugal are also expected to send representatives.

The United States Government has been invited to participate in whatever form they may desire.

FISHMONGER KNIGHT.

DAUGHTER A MAYORESS.

["D.P." Special Service.]

Dundee, July 18.—Sir William High, newly knighted Dundee fishmonger, and his daughter Winifred, Mayoress of Dundee, are not too proud to continue selling fish behind the counter of their tiny shop in Dundee's market section.

Sir William, who is also Lord Provost of Dundee, is one of the most popular figures of this city and he is hailed as "Our Willie" by his fellow townsmen. His elevation to knighthood was an occasion for revelry.

Sir William, who for years has sold fish, has five daughters, all of whom are known for their beauty and all of whom have served behind the counter of his shop. Their father started his business in a small way, and with the constant help of his wife, now dead, has established a business which makes him independently wealthy.

In the morning, Miss Winifred High sells fish and in the afternoon rushes off to perform her duties as lady mayoress. The family's decorated carriage is well known throughout Scotland.—United Press.

COTTON INDUSTRY DEADLOCK.

1,800 MILLS SILENT IN LANCASHIRE.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 29. The negotiations in the Lancashire cotton industry, over the employers' proposal to reduce wages, have reached a deadlock, and in all sections of the industry the stoppage will be general to-morrow. No further meetings have been arranged.

LATER.

The cotton manufacturers announce that the mills will be open to-morrow at the reduced rates of wages, but all the Cotton Operatives Unions, except the engine-men and firemen's, have forbidden their members to work.

The story of the abortive negotiations is told in a long statement by Sir H. Wilson, Permanent Secretary to the Labour Ministry. It reveals that an important section of manufacturing operatives were not empowered to negotiate as to wage reduction whereupon the operatives' joint committee dissolved.

The employers' spokesman made a statement regretting that the operatives' representatives had not been authorised to negotiate regarding the reduction—which fact was discovered only after three days' negotiations.

On the contrary the operatives declare that the employers refused their offer to submit the dispute to arbitration and accept the decision of a Court of Arbitration.

The President of the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation, in an interview, said that the millowners were ready to meet the operatives' leaders whenever the latter wished, and he thought a meeting would take place in the very near future, which would lead to a definite settlement.

A Dark Outlook.

LONDON, July 29. Over 1,800 mills are silent in Lancashire to-day. The stoppage began in an atmosphere of gloom and drenching rain.

The outlook is very dark, the only bright spot being the decision of a few owners to stand aside from the dispute and carry on at the present rate of wages. They include Tootal, Broadhurst & Lee, Limited, who believe that research, not reduction of wages, is necessary to enable the industry to meet foreign competition.

Today's 3,000 employees are working to-day. The Ministry of Labour announced to-day that Miss Margaret Bondfield (Minister of Labour) is watching the situation with very grave anxiety, but feels that no action is at present possible.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, July 29. It was stated at Buckingham Palace last night that His Majesty's progress continues to be satisfactory and that he this afternoon, walked a short time indoors.

CARAVAN DWELLERS.

NOVEL LONDON COMMUNITY.

["D.P." Special Service.]

LONDON, July 18.—In a secluded corner of London lives a colony of people who would not live in the finest mansions of the country if they were offered them free.

This colony, of 40 members, makes its home in a number of old caravan wagons. At its head is a woman who has lived in a covered wagon for more than 40 years, her father and mother having also lived in one. They own the ground on which the wagons are placed and seem to live in happiness and peace.—United Press.

NONIA CHARGED.

ALLEGATION RESPECTING YOUNG GIRL.

Penang, July 22.—In the Police Court on Saturday, Detective Inspector Roche charged a well-known local nonia, Loh Ah See, with having on June 13 and eight years previous to that date wrongfully concealed and kept a girl, named Hee Kam Ying, in order that she might be forced and induced to lead an immoral life knowing she had been kidnapped or abducted.

The case was postponed till July 26, bail of \$10,000 being allowed.—Straits Times.

THE NEW FRENCH CABINET.

PRACTICALLY SAME AS BEFORE.

CRISIS NOW OVER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, July 29. After conferring with President Doumergue, M. Briand stated that the fundamental basis of the administration, would remain unchanged, though he would attempt to "widen its scope somewhat."

Few Changes Likely.

PARIS, July 29. Though the Radicals, who are the largest group in the Chamber, support M. Briand's foreign policy, they have declined to enter the Cabinet. It is expected therefore that M. Briand will preserve the last Cabinet intact, himself taking the Premiership and the portfolio for Foreign Affairs.

M. Briand's Cabinet will be essentially a Cabinet dealing with Foreign Affairs; domestic politics will remain in abeyance throughout the Autumn session of Parliament. It is expected that M. Briand will proceed to The Hague backed by a massive Parliamentary majority.

Crisis Over.

LATER. The French Cabinet crisis is now over. M. Briand went to the Elysee at noon to confirm his Cabinet, which is the same as the last, with the omission of M. Poincare.

King George's Message.

King George yesterday telegraphed to M. Poincare expressing concern at his illness.

Replying to the message of sympathy by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M. Poincare said: "I thank Your Excellency for your kind wishes. I regret that circumstances compel me to interrupt my friendly collaboration with the British Government and I affirm my most ardent wishes for the success of the work of peace to which our two countries have already consecrated so many efforts."—British Wireless.

SNAKE CURE FOR EPILEPSY!

AN AMERICAN DOCTOR'S REMARKABLE CLAIM.

["D.P." Special Service.]

PARIS, July 11.—Starting next month choice specimens of cobras, tarantulas, tsetse flies and other poison-toting denizens of the African jungle will begin a trek in crates and cages to the laboratory of a New York doctor who believes that epilepsy can be cured by poison.

Dr. Monadesler has just come out of the tall grasses of Africa where he has made arrangements with various snake hunters and spider catchers to ensure the supply being steady and abundant.

"We found it necessary," he said, "to make sure of a supply of snakes. The poisons that I use are obtained from the black-necked or spitting cobra. The snake that I have been using in New York had become so wise that when he was put in a glass fronted box and teased he would no longer spray the venom."

For Leprosy, Too?

"He was about four years old, though, and that may have had something to do with it," Dr. Dimas and I agreed that the only way to get enough of the poison for our experiments was to go to Africa and arrange for a supply.

"While I am not prepared to say that I can cure the disease, I can say that in cases that I have treated in this manner I have cut the number of attacks to an unbelievably small number. Persons who had as many as four or five attacks a day have, after taking this treatment, suffered one or two a month. I have one case on record that shows nineteen months without an attack."

Dr. Monadesler is also experimenting with the treatment of what he describes as a "malignant disease" by the same method. He refused to talk about the new development but spoke of the treatment of leprosy by the injection of the tarantula serum. The physician is now going to New York to organize the experimental work in his laboratory and to arrange for the treatment to continue the treatment now under way. He is expected to return to Paris in September.

U.S. IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

MANY PROTESTS FROM MANILA.

SHIPPING AFFECTED.

["D.P." Special Service.]

MANILA, July 29. American steamship companies here have protested to their Home offices regarding the new U.S. Immigration regulations, which are strangling Filipino immigration to the United States.

Limited accommodation is now being filled by Filipino labourers bound for Hawaii.—United Press.

COMEDIE FRANCAISE.

TO BE A "TALKIE HOUSE."

["D.P." Special Service.]

PARIS.—A proposal to transform the Comedie Francaise, most venerable of French theatres, whose stage bore the tread of the buskin of Moliere, into a talkie house, is now before the members of the board of directors.

An alternate proposal is that the company which now year in year out, presents a repertoire of French classics of the drama, constitute itself a motion picture troupe for the production of talkies. The proposal has brought down upon the directors a horrified wall of protest from all section of the Press. This ancient theatre where the contemporaries of Shakespeare wrote and played, has long set the standard of French diction and French acting.

It was established in 1680 by order of Louis XIV, and since has enjoyed a state subsidy.

Result of Two Factors. The project is the result of two factors: the first is the growing deficit which no amount of ordinary enterprise seems capable of erasing; the second, and most important, is the increase in the number of stars who are deserting the company for the movies.

The immediate reason for the introduction of the project was the announcement of Mademoiselle Marie Bell, one of the most talented members of the company, of her intention to accept an offer to act in the talkies. Such announcements have been frequent in the past few years and the growing popularity of the talkies has raised the film to the rank of a real menace.

The directors were asked to consider whether or not it was advisable to forbid members of the company from accepting such offers. Emile Fabre, director of the company and chairman of the board of directors then made the proposal that the Comedie Francaise take the bull by the horns and go into the talkies itself. He pointed out that in this way the works of the theatre would then be available throughout the provinces whereas it is now naturally confined to Paris.

The newspaper, *Comedie*, shocked by the suggestion, prophesied that if this suggestion is carried into effect, it will mean the death of the Comedie Francaise.

AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.

ATLANTIC COASTLINE NOT RECEDING.

["D.P." Special Service.]

NEW YORK, July 11.—The long-held theory that the Atlantic Coast gradually is slipping away into the sea was refuted a short while ago in a scientific report of the National Research Council. Prof. Douglas Johnson of Columbia University, who has studied the seaboard for several years to test the authority of the theory said he found the "receding" coastline only an optical illusion.

Scientific data gathered by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and the National Research Council showed, he said, that the supposedly receding tendencies were caused by nothing more than local factors and that the Atlantic Coast has been, and is likely to remain, just as it was hundreds of years ago.

Just a Local Variation.

As early as 1849 the eminent British geologist, Sir Charles Lyell, published evidence he had collected in America indicating that the Atlantic Coast was slowly sinking into the sea," Dr. Johnson's report said.

This theory, he added, was strongly supported by American geologists, some of whom estimated that the Massachusetts Coast is sinking at the rate of one foot, and the New Jersey Coast at the rate of two feet a century.

"A supposed subsidence of the Coast," the report said, "may really indicate nothing more than a local variation in sea level due to some change in the form of the coast caused by waves and currents."

Legal controversies involving millions of dollars have hinged upon the receding coastline theory. Title to lands submerged by the sea is lost by the owner if the submergence is due to natural causes, but not if caused artificially.—United Press.

FREEMAN ON THE RAMPAGE!

SOUTH AFRICA'S SORRY SHOW.

RAIN HOLDS UP PLAY.

Heavy rain at Manchester over the week-end and during the morning of Monday seriously affected the wicket for the Fourth Test Match, and it was not found possible to commence play at the stipulated time.

Four inspections were made by the umpires, and finally, just before 1 o'clock, it was decided to make a start.

A. W. Carr at once declared England's innings closed at the overnight total of 427 for 7 wickets, and Siedle and Catterall opened South Africa's innings at 1 o'clock.

Barratt, the Notts bowler, met with an early success, getting Catterall caught by Sutcliffe for 3. With the score at 4 for 1 wicket, lunch was taken.

A Collapse.

Against Freeman's deadly bowling a collapse followed, and at one time 5 wickets were down for 43. Despite a determined resistance put up by Morkel, and in a lesser degree, Taylor, 8 wickets were down at 100. Freeman had seven of the wickets.

England—1st Innings.

Sutcliffe, b Morkel	8
Bowley, b Bell	13
R. E. S. Wyatt, c Cameron, b Vincent	113
Woolley, c and b Vincent	154
Hendren, c Quinn	12
Leyland, c Cameron	55
Mitchell	10
A. W. Carr, c Bell, b Quinn	31
Barratt, not out	2
Extras	28

*Total (for 7 wkts.)... 427

Innings declared closed.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Morkel	18	5	61	1
Quinn	31	3	93	2
Bell	32	3	113	1
Vincent	56	4	93	2
Mitchell	8	3	21	1
Owen-Smith	5	0	16	0

South Africa—1st Innings.

I. J. Siedle, l.b.w. b Freeman	6
R. F. Catterall, c Sutcliffe, b Barratt	3
B. Mitchell, c Geary, b Freeman	1
H. W. Taylor, b Freeman	28
H. G. Deane, c Duckworth, b Freeman	0
H. B. Cameron, c Bowley, b Freeman	13
D. P. Morkel, not out	42
H. G. Owen-Smith, c Barratt, b Freeman	6
C. L. Vincent, c Geary, b Freeman	0
N. A. Quinn, not out	1
Extras	1

Total (for 8 wkts.)... 106

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, July 29. In the seventh international athletic contest between France and Great Britain, France defeated their visitors by 62 points to 58 points.

DIED IN OFFICE.

CHINESE A.P.C. CLERK DROPS DEAD.

A tragic occurrence took place in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's offices at St. Helen's Court, Singapore, a few days ago. Mr. Lim Ohin Teck, who had been in the service of the firm for over 15 years, appeared normal when he arrived in office in the morning.

At about 12 o'clock he went up to his superior's desk and collapsed on the floor. He was picked up dead. The police were communicated with and the body was removed in an ambulance.

Telegrams in Brief.

The Soviet envoy, M. Dovgalevsky, has arrived in London. Interviewed by Reuter he said that he was full of hope regarding resumption of friendly Anglo-Russian relations. He was seeing Mr. Henderson (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs) straightaway, and the length of his stay would depend on the progress of the conversations.

One more man has died as the result of the explosion in a gun turret in the British cruiser, *H.M.S. Devonshire*. This brings the death-roll up to seventeen.

Hong Kong At Play.

TOPICAL NOTES AND COMMENTS ON LOCAL SPORTS.

[BY "BROADCASTER."]

More rain over the week-end—more delays over the lawn-bowls and tennis league, but are not our reservoirs overflowing? The delay is a very minor affair compared with the hardships of the "water-restricted" sections of the population. So, although the whole lawn-bowls and tennis league fixtures might be put back for a month or so, no true sportsman would prefer his game to seeing the rain fall generously over the Colony.

In one direction, however, the rain will interfere with a popular form of sports which many people enjoy. I refer to local racing. As everybody interested knows, extra meetings have been fixed for October, and the race-stands which are now in course of construction will have to be finished by that month. I notice that work is being carried on day and night and progress is very rapid, but if we are going to have very many more rainy days, the race-stands may be a problem for the Jockey Club when the next racing date comes round. The accommodation for the ponies is now all complete, and the structure is certainly an improvement on the old arrangement. At the moment, from what can be seen by the casual observer, the provision for the public in future will be very much better, and every racing fan will hope that arrangements will be completed by October, so that the racing season will not be interfered with.

At last Hong Kong is to have a grand athletic meeting. Congratulations to the China Athletic Association upon their enterprise. The fact that the meeting has been announced fully two months before it comes off will give local athletes plenty of time to prepare for their races. Although the meeting will be primarily inter-Chinese, as exclusively announced in the *Daily Press*, races for all-comers have been included and some of our best non-Chinese talent will no doubt be attracted. I recall that there was a controversy recently as to whether a certain sprinter had actually covered the 100 yards in ten seconds dead. The controversy was not over the sprinter's ability so much as the question whether local conditions allowed of such a fine performance. Well, perhaps the forthcoming meeting, at which some of the best athletes in South China and Malaya will compete, will decide the question. Incidentally it will be interesting to study how local Chinese sprinters compare with their compatriots from other parts. I have an idea that Hong Kong will do very well in the short distances, but will be outclassed in the longer races, as I can think of few long-distance runners who can put up a good performance.

The Water Polo League commenced yesterday, and by the time this appears in print, the first Chinese team will have appeared in the competition. How they have fared, readers will no doubt find reported in another column, as I understand that the Water Polo games are being handled in this journal by "an old hand" who is not only thoroughly conversant with the game, but is also able to give useful advice on it. I recommend readers to watch his notes. At the moment, I do not propose to predict any result in connection with the league, but feel sure, from the number of entries and the general interest shown, that a good season is ahead of us.

For those interested in aquatic sports, I must issue a reminder and ask them to roll up, one and all, on Friday night at the V.R.C. That good sport is ahead of us. I am sure, by reason of the heavy entries, whether any upsets or surprises are in store for the public remains to be seen, but in any case, with the presence of our Chinese friends, the racing is going to be keen and there will be no walk-overs. I understand eight teams have entered for the team race. This will mean heats and a final. What a treat for the spectators! In the *Daily Press* readers will find the latest swimming news from time to time, and I understand a special account of Friday's night fete will appear in Saturday's issue. Look out for it.

Cricketers will be interested to learn that the annual general-meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket League will take place shortly, when new officers will be elected for the forthcoming season. It will be a good idea if the old system of home and away matches can be restored, as it makes the League so much more interesting. Friendly cricket is all right, but unfortunately, the majority of cricketers do not take "friendly" as seriously as they do league games. Another point requiring attention is the registration of first division players. It has been the habit of most Clubs of late to call on the services of one or two of their first league players when they have a difficult game in the second division. I am not directing this at any particular club, as I notice it is a common fault, and, as such, should be discouraged. This sort of thing by no means helps to promote good feeling between the Clubs and while quite legal, is not strictly "cricket."

I have often wondered how an International League or competition would appeal to local cricketers. Teams representing China, England, India, Portugal, Scotland, etc., could be brought together, and the games could be played on Sundays, and I find people do play on Sundays in Hong Kong. This league, if started, would certainly be a great step towards popularising cricket in already popular games in Hong Kong. I commend the idea to the notice of those in authority.

There were broad smiles to be seen last evening among the ball fans, as a result of news going round that permission has been at last obtained to play baseball at Caroline Hill. There is a plot there allotted to the Navy for football which is not used at all for weeks and months at a time. Recently the attention of certain influential quarters was called to this fact, and the question raised whether the Naval authorities would not allow baseballers to make use of the ground. I hear that the result of this intervention is that permission has been now given for baseball games to be played at Caroline Hill five days a week until October. This gives us about three months to "warm up" and play a short season, but let us hope a bright and merry one. The Committee of the Baseball Association will have a busy time now re-arranging its plans to meet the new conditions. Anyway, it is very satisfactory indeed to know that baseball is not going to be completely "shut out" this year, and followers of the game will anxiously await further news of the season's plans.

FRANCE RETAINS DAVIS CUP.

NARROW WIN IN PARIS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, July 29. France has retained the Davis Cup, defeating the United States of America (winners of the inter-zonal final in the challenge round, by three matches to two).

Tilden beat Borotra in the singles to-day, this being the only match so far that went to more than three sets. The score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

With the score two matches all, Cochet beat Lott, also in four sets, the score being 6-1, 2-4, 6-0, 6-2, and France thus retained the Cup.

The full results of the five matches are appended:—

H. Cochet beat W. T. Tilden, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.
J. Borotra beat G. Lott, 6-1, 2-4, 6-4, 7-5.
J. Borotra and H. Cochet lost to W. Allison and J. Van Ryn, who won 6-1, 8-6, 6-4.
J. Borotra beat W. T. Tilden, who won 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.
H. Cochet beat G. Lott, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS. CRAIGENGOWER BEAT UNIVERSITY.

On their own courts yesterday, Craigenower met and beat the University comfortably by 8 sets to 1.

The detailed scores follow:—

Mrs. Pankhurst and I. M. A. Razack (C.C.C.) beat Miss R. Kwok and T. W. Chong, 6-0, 6-2.
beat G. de Sousa and partner, 6-0, 6-2.
beat Miss R. Perry and T. K. Lien, 6-0, 6-2.
Mrs. Bradbury and J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.) lost to Miss R. Kwok and T. W. Chong, 4-6, 6-2.
beat G. de Sousa and partner, 6-0, 6-2.
beat Miss R. Perry and T. K. Lien, 7-5, 6-3.
Mrs. Gull and H. D. Rumjahn (C.C.C.) beat Miss R. Kwok and T. W. Chong, 7-5, 6-3.
beat G. de Sousa and partner, 6-0, 6-2.
beat Miss R. Perry and T. K. Lien, 6-5, 6-3.

WATER POLO SEASON OPENS.

KOWLOON S.C. AND CHINESE TEAM SCORE FIRST WINS.

ARMY TEAMS GO UNDER.

[BY "WATERMAN."]

The Water Polo League started yesterday, two games being played at the V.R.C. In the first game the Kowloon Swimming Club accounted for the Somerset Light Infantry, while the Chinese "B" team proved too good for the King's Own Scottish Borderers' "B."

There was a fairly large attendance, including a good number of Chinese, who turned up to support their team.

SOMERSETS v. KOWLOON "A." CHINESE "B" v. K.O.S.B. "B."

The first game of the season resulted in a win for Kowloon "A" over the Somerset Light Infantry by 4 goals to 2. The soldiers put up quite a good game and although Kowloon scored two goals in the first half, no one could say that the soldiers replied with one goal and on resuming they drew level, but Kowloon got two goals in quick succession towards the end and on the whole was the better of the two teams.

The Teams.

Kowloon "A":—Hedley, Rodgers, Watson, Hailton, Simpson, Mitchell, and Logan.
Somerset:—Early, Traylor, Stacey, Fox, Mackenzie, Howard, Hooker.

The Game.

Kowloon were the first to get away but the Somersets checked Hailton. At the other end Watson was kept busy by Howard. Play went up and down the bath for a few seconds, the pace being extremely fast. Mitchell had a good opportunity, but missed at close range. Hailton was at this time playing a good game, being all over Howard and feeding Simpson, the left forward with many good passes. One of these resulted in a goal by Simpson. There had been only a little over a minute's play when the first goal was scored.

Resuming, Mitchell, for Kowloon, had a good opportunity, being left unmarked all by himself, but he failed to score. A few seconds later he sent in a backhand "stinger" which Early held. Hooker, the Somerset's right forward all but scored when Watson missed an easy pass, but the goal-keeper was sound and the ball went to the other end where a melee at the goal-mouth gave Simpson his second goal—which looked very much as if it was scored from inside two yards.

The Somersets showed that they had the making of a good team at this stage and play was confined entirely in the Kowloon section for the next minute or so. Time after time their forwards came up, and the Kowloon goalie, Hedley, put in some excellent work. Eventually, however, Hooker did the trick and when the whistle for half-time came, the score was 2-1 in Kowloon's favour.

Second Half.

In the second half, the Somersets again pressed and Howard appeared to understand Hailton's tactics, with the result that he often got away with the leather. A good pass from Howard to McKenzie brought out the equaliser and excitement ran high. A good deal of even play followed, both sides pressing in turn, but never looking dangerous. Kowloon's next goal was by an exceptionally good bit of luck. The ball went down the soldiers' end and one of their backs thinking it out of play, perhaps, carelessly tossed it in front of his own goal mouth, where Simpson quickly seized it and scored. Actually the whistle had not been sounded. This reverse seemed to upset the Somersets and before the end, Watson, swimming up, added a fourth goal for Kowloon. Final Score:—Kowloon 4, Somersets 2.

MATCH CANCELLED.

The Match between the Chinese "A" and the V.R.C. "A" fixed for to-day has been cancelled as the Chinese players will be playing in the Chinese inter-club league at North Point. The other match will be between the Royal Navy and the King's Own Scottish Borderers' "A" team.

The first appearance of the Chinese in the water polo series resulted in their annexing the points at the expense of the second team of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The large crowd at the V.R.C. were anxious to see how the Chinese would fare and must have come away with the impression that they are a danger to the best that any Club can put up. They have speed and tactics, but, no team work as yet. Later in the season we may expect to see some good games from the Chinese team. On yesterday's performance, the Chinese were by far the better players.

The Teams.

Chinese "B":—Chan-Sik Pui, Kwok, Fung Sun, Ip Koon, Lam Lai-Sze, Chiu, Chun Kam, Cheung, Wong Cheung Hin, and Leung Sui Man.
K.O.S.B. "B":—Bellam, Gardiner, Walker, Gear, Turner, Branch and Jordan.

The Game.

The Chinese centre-forward, Leung Sui Man, proved too fast for the soldiers and he was well supported by the rest of the team. From the beginning the Chinese tied long shots and the first half was a succession of trials by the Chinese at the Army citadel. The K.O.S.B. goalie played a wonderful game and saved many excellent shots, otherwise the score would have been very much greater against the soldiers. A mis-throw by the goalkeeper, who had a knack of throwing the ball well over the half way mark, led to a free scramble in front of the Army goal and Chan Kam Cheung drew first blood for the Chinese.

The soldiers never looked dangerous and although no further scoring was added in the first half, the Chinese kept up the bombardment and the K.O.S.B. goalie made some very spectacular saves. Several Chinese players were pulled up for using both hands, a fault they must learn to avoid. On one occasion Leung Sui Man was unmarked and although he managed to swim up to the K.O.S.B. goal, failed to score, his backhand being weak. At half time the Chinese were one goal up.

Second Half.

Early in the second half Wong Cheung Hin found himself unmarked and swimming down the bath scored with a fast low shot at close range, which beat Bellam all the way.

The whole Chinese team appeared to slack at this, and gave the impression that the side lacked stamina to carry on. However, the soldiers were no better off, as the early pace of the Chinese had tired them, too. But for the little fast play on resuming after the interval, both sides gave a tame performance before the end and at times players concerned themselves more with ducking than with the ball. However, just before the end, Wong Cheung Hin tried again and again at close range with no luck, while Chan on one occasion had no one to beat but failed to score. The final whistle found the Chinese again pressing. Final score:—Chinese "B" 2, K.O.S.B. "B" 0.

The Chinese "B" is the better of the two teams entered in the league and judging from yesterday's exhibition they promise to go far in the league. They have made a good start and all will hope that they will keep it up.

CHINESE LEAGUE.

There are seven teams in the Chinese Water Polo League. The South China "A" and "B" teams, the Chinese Athletic "A" and "B" teams, the Hong Kong University, the Chinese Bathing Club have all entered.

SWIMMING FETE.

ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY NIGHT.

COLONY'S BEST TO RACE.

The V.R.C. should have a packed house on Friday if the weather keeps fine for their first night fete. Entries for the open races, as predicted, have been very good and from the list below it can be seen that the best swimmers in Hong Kong are to take part.

For the 150 yards Free Style there will be two heats, the best time in the heats to be considered the winner. The entrants are:—J. R. Johnstone, S. V. Gittens, Pte. Faulkner, S. Dabner, L. Rosa Pereira, W. Lawrence, L. Cpl. Finlayson.

For the variety strokes (100 yards) there are eight competitors, viz.: W. F. Kerr, Pte. Branch, Leung Sui Man, Wong Kam Fun, H. M. Remedios, Pte. Gear, Pte. Ferguson, S. H. Wong.

Eight teams have entered for the team race, these being as follows:—

Chinese A.A. Federation, Kowloon Swimming Club, Club de Regatta, H.M.S. Castor, K.O.S.B., R.G.A., V.R.C., and Royal Navy.

ATHLETIC RECORDS BROKEN.

AMERICAN GIRLS' SUCCESSES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Chicago, July 28. Miss Betty Robinson, the American Olympic runner, smashed the women's world records for the fifty and hundred yards sprints to-day, taking 3.3 seconds for the 50 yards, and 11.5 for the hundred. Miss Helen Warren, claims the record for hurdling, having covered eighty metres in 12.3 seconds. Two other records are claimed. Miss Gloria Russell bases her claim (Continued on next column.)

BILLIARDS.

THE STEEL COULSON CUP COMPETITION.

The following matches in the Steel Coulson Cup Competition have been arranged for to-day:—
H.K. Police Res. v. K.O.S.B.
Buffalo Club v. R.A.
H.K. Police v. Somersets.
Craigengower v. C. & P.O.'s C.
St. Patrick's Club v. R.E.'s.

on throwing the baseball 234 feet, one inch, while Miss Rena McDonald succeeded in putting the shot 12 feet 4 inches. All these achievements were registered on the occasion of the track and field championships of the National Women's Amateur Athletic Union.

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Money and Markets

GOSSIP ON SHARES.

WHAT "THEY" SAY.

FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN"]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

The week under review was fairly dull, due perhaps to preparations for the July Settlement, which is fixed for to-day. Rates have been fairly well maintained throughout, and there is little change to report.

The interest shown by the public in the section devoted to answers for investors indicates the need for such a column. One reader who has written this week for certain advice in the course of his letter says: "If I gain in the business, I would most certainly allow you 10 per cent. remuneration."

When this special share column was started in the Daily Press, it was made clear that the advice was given by a disinterested party who had no axe of his own to grind. Information is given only after close inquiry and investigation in every available quarter, and although my kindly correspondent meant well, I hasten to assure him that his offer of reward must be turned down, however tempting.

Several readers who have sought advice from the writer have written a second time, and one of them has signed himself "Grateful." The best reward I look for is that readers will continue to show interest in this column, and tell their friends of the service available every Tuesday in the Daily Press.

NEWS FROM THE MARKET.

HONG KONG BANKS—A few shares changed hands during the week at \$1.50, but on Saturday there were sellers at this rate.

UNIONS were done at \$2.25 and \$2.50, and finished up with buyers at the latter figure.

UNDERWRITERS were transacted at \$1.50 and there are still buyers at this figure, but sellers do not appear anxious to part with their shares at less than \$2.

WHARVES, as predicted, improved slightly and closed with buyers at \$127.50.

DOCKS changed hands at \$32 and \$32.50, a few hundred shares being taken. To call this a "dead" stock is not far off the mark, as I can see no improvement coming for a long time. There are buyers for small lots at about \$32.

EWOS for local delivery were wanted at the beginning of the week at \$14.50. They finished up at strong market at this rate.

HONG KONG HOTELS have sellers at \$8.10 and buyers at \$8.35. I am afraid there is nothing in this stock at present.

LANDS are still in demand at \$61.50 and REALTIES at \$8.

HUMPHREYS—After shares had changed hands at \$13.55 they closed a little easier, buyers only offering \$13.50, at which rate there appear to be no shares offering. Worth watching.

HONG KONG TRAMS—These shares were dealt in during the week at \$18.50 and finished up weak with sellers at this rate. As predicted, I do not anticipate any change in rates until the dividend is known.

STAR FERRIES changed hands at \$64 and are still wanted at this price.

CHINA LIGHTS—Quite a number of cash and forward shares were done at \$13 and \$13.05 for cash and \$13.50 and \$13.55 for October.

HONG KONG ELECTRICS are still wanted at \$55.50, but are fairly hard to get at this rate. I don't think the rate will weaken, and buyers will have to pay more if they want the shares.

CEMENTS again attracted more attention than anything else during the week, and cash shares fetched \$8.50 to \$9.15 finishing up with buyers at \$9.05. Quite a number of forward shares were done for September and October at rates varying from \$9.10 to \$9.55. This stock appears to be a favourite gambling stock. I will say no more for the present.

DAIRY FARMS touched \$20 during the week, at which rate a few shares changed hands, but there was no demand at the end of the week.

WATSONS—Small parcels are wanted at \$12.

REPLIES TO READERS.

Correspondents who have written in during the week will find replies to their queries below. Information can be given on any matter pertaining to the local, Singapore or Shanghai share market, but such information is given on the distinct understanding that no responsibility is incurred by the writer. Those desiring information should address their inquiries to "KUFAN," care of the Editor. Names and addresses must be included, as evidence of good faith. It is desirable that those asking questions include a *nom de plume* for the purpose of facilitating answers.

EXPECTANT—The shares are being offered in the market at \$1 without finding buyers. The Company, I gather, is gradually going to pieces. There is little hope of your being able to realise anything on your holdings.

PUT AND TAKE—I don't advise the course you mention. You will find it difficult to work with a bank overdraft hanging over your head. Moreover, the market moves too slowly nowadays for your plan to be really effective.

EAGLECO—Do not wait any longer. Take your profit and be satisfied. There is little hope of the shares going much higher, and it might prove unprofitable to wait too long. Sell out.

NOAH—You seem to have paid a bit too much for your shares if you bought them "last week," as you state. However there is no reason to believe that you have been "let in," as shares are now wanted for cash at \$9 and the September rate is round about the figure you mention. Better try and get out as your stock is purely speculative. A small loss now is far better than a big loss later.

X.Y.Z.—My advice to you is to wait a little longer before buying forward shares. Although some stocks might go up between now and September, I don't think there will be any phenomenal rise warranting forward purchases. Write me again in a few weeks' time and if I have anything good to say I will pass it on to you. My answer to your second question is "Wait until the dividend is paid." There is a good deal of interest in this stock locally, and prices will surely be maintained. Thanks for your offer of 10 per cent. My comments at the beginning of this article are hereby commended to your notice.

SMALL INVESTOR—Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are sound investments, and if you must sell some of your shares, don't sell these. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 are also good stocks, and in my opinion will rise before January, February, 1930. I am afraid No. 9 will not reach pre-strike prices, but hold them for the present. If you can buy for cash I would recommend the buying of more of No. 6 and No. 7. I do not recommend stock No. 9 against 6 and 7, although, as I said, they are all good.

RUBBERNECK—The last quotation on the stock you mention shows buyers at \$6.75 and sellers at half a point over. If you are thinking of buying, better wait as prices will go down. The planted acreage is 2,573, of which 2,223 is mature.

GRATEFUL—Not worth it. Take my advice and wait a few more weeks.

HONGKONGITE—The last dividend paid on the Ulu Yam Tin Dredging, Ltd., was 6d., which was on July 25 this year. There are buyers at 35/-.

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

CANTON, July 29.	
Water Works	\$3.40
Electric Light & Power Co.	2.50
Canton-Hankow Railway	46
The Sun Company	97.00
Sincere Company	122.00
Nanyang Bros. Tow. Co.	4.40
Tranways Co.	2.40
Kwangtung S.S. Co.	57.00
Central Bank of China	41.00

HONG KONG TRADE.

TEXTILE BUSINESS STILL QUIET.

The fortnightly report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce contains the following references to the textile trade:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Goods.

The following reports have been received:—
There is no evidence as yet of a general resumption of market activity, though small miscellaneous sales, chiefly Light Fancies, continue to be effected. Small lots of Standard White Shirtings have also been sold, and some inquiry has been experienced for certain descriptions of Dyed Goods at limits which will require revision before business is possible.

Contingent upon the wage dispute between employers and operatives in Lancashire, Manchester merchants are now stipulating for strike and lockout clause in all new contracts.

American Cotton values have fluctuated on weather reports, latest quotation for Mid. Am. "Spot" being 15.00d. Ex. Sakel is slightly higher at 16.50d. than when last reported.

Another report states:—Market remains quiet with a small business being done. Some orders have been fixed up for White Shirtings, Cotton Lawns and Fancies. There has been some inquiry for Blacks, and clearances have been a little better. Manchester prices have been steady, but the Lancashire industry is facing the wages dispute, and there may be some uncertainty about deliveries until this question is settled.

Woolens.

Nothing to report as regards new business. The next season's goods are beginning to arrive, but it is too early for them to go into competition with any quantity. With the more settled conditions prevailing in South China it is hoped that there will be a good demand.

Cotton Yarn.

Market has been very quiet during the interval and no sales have been effected. Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s. \$160-175; No. 12s. \$170-175; No. 16s. \$175-180; No. 20s. \$190-190.

Raw Cotton.

Nothing doing.

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Yesterday's quotations for rice and other food-stuffs were as follows:—

Rice.		Per Picul.
Common White, Ching		\$7.56
Cheung		7.55
Common White, Green Seal		7.55
Common White, Red Seal		7.52
Common White, Hung Shek		7.50
Reddish Cargo Rice		6.40
Long Unpolished, Red Seal		7.57
Long Unpolished, Hung		7.54
Kum On		7.54
Roundish White		6.95
Miscellaneous.		
Coarse granulated sugar, No. 24		\$7.33
Coarse granulated sugar, No. 15		6.63
Nutmeg		114.00
Honey		18.00
Black Bean		6.70
Soy Bean		6.90
Groundnut oil, Fongete		21.30
Wood-tar oil		19.00
Cannellinut oil		25.50
Green Flax		220.00
Dried Mushroom, Fa Koo		220.00

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

COTTON YARN.

The cotton yarn market is dull but prices remain firm. Latest quotations were:—
No. 20s. \$97.313
No. 12s. \$252.265
No. 10s. \$226.215

RICE.

The market has improved during the last few days and prices have slightly increased.

Per Picul.	
Common White, Kwang	\$8.50-11.50
Common White, Annam	9.50-10.50
Cargo Rice, Reddish	7.50-8.50
White Broken	\$3.50-6.50
White Bran	3.68-3.72

SUGAR.

Demand for both Chinese and foreign sugar has decreased but prices have been steady.
No. 2 Coarse granulated..... \$9.13
No. 2 Coarse granulated..... 8.05
No. 1 Fine granulated..... 11.00
White sugar, Waichow..... 9.50
Sugar Candy, Waichow..... 10.00
Brown, Namkong..... 10.60
Brown, Poklo..... 7.60

MEAT.

Per Picul.	
Pullet	\$84.70-161.60
Cock	90.50-96.70
Hen	58.50-77.80
Duck	48.50-63.70
Goose	52.50-63.70
Pork	\$28.50-32.90
Beef	28.00-30.00

DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Monday, July 29.	Sharebrokers' Association.
Banks					
				H.K. Banks	\$1285
				Chartered Banks	\$101
				Mercantile Bks. "A"	\$234
				Do "C"	\$15
				P. & O. Banks	\$29
				Bank of East Asia	\$90
Insurance					
				Canton Ins.	\$630
				Underwriters	\$1.80
				North China	\$2
				Union Ins.	\$320
				Yangtze Ins.	\$300
				China Fire	\$770
				H.K. Fire	\$770
Shipping					
				Douglases	\$27
				Steamboats	\$244
				Indos (pref.)	\$50
				Do (def.)	\$90
				Shell Transports	\$214
				Water-boats	\$63/6
Mining					
				Kailans	\$15
				Langkats (com.)	\$9
				Do (single)	\$11
				Explorations	\$4
				Shanghai Loans	\$84
				Raubs	\$84
				Trough Mines	\$84
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.					
				H.K. & K. Wharves	\$1274
				Providents	\$32
				H.K. Docks	\$138
				Shanghai Docks	\$7
				New Engineerings	\$7
Cotton Mills					
				Ewos	\$14.40
				Oriental	\$2.35
				Shai Cotton (old)	\$27
				Do (new)	\$43
Lands, Hotels and Buildings					
				H.K. & S. Hotels	\$8.35
				H.K. Lands	\$8.45
				H.K. Realty	\$8
				Humphreys	\$184
Public Utilities					
				Tramways	\$18.80
				Peak Trams (old)	\$11.60
				Do (new)	\$6
				Star Ferries	\$64
				C. Lights (old)	\$13
				Do (new)	\$12.85
				Electricity	\$554
				Telephones	\$7
				Tramways	\$12/
Industrials					
				Canton Ice	\$2.25
				Cements (comb.)	\$9
				Do (old)	\$8
				Do (new)	\$1
				Ropes	\$27
				Malacca Sugars	\$29
Miscellaneous					
				Dairy Farms	\$19.90
				Der A. Wing	\$0.50
				Amusements	\$274
				Constructions	\$14
				Lane Crawford	\$4
				Nanyang Tobacco	\$124
				Sincere	\$12
				Watsons	\$12
				Wm. Powells	\$34
				B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	\$04
				H.K. Govt. Loan	\$107

MELBOURNE HARBOUR.

LOAN COUNCIL ADVICE IGNORED.

The Melbourne Harbour Trust is making a public loan of £200,000, bearing interest at 5 1/2 per cent. The issue is at par and the stock will have a currency of 20 years. It is confined to Melbourne and has not been underwritten.

The Trust has a loan of £700,000, maturing in this month. It is understood that the Trust has arranged for borrowing £200,000 privately, and this with the public issue will provide it with £200,000 for its works programme.

Financial circles are surprised that this loan should be floated simultaneously with the issue of the Metropolitan Water Board, Sydney. This action has apparently been taken deliberately, as evidence shows there was an attempt to forestall the Water Board loan, which, when the plans were discovered, was issued at an earlier date than originally intended.

Haphazard Borrowing.

The Harbour Trust is not controlled by Government, as are other semi-Government bodies, although it was constituted by a Victorian Act of Parliament, otherwise the State Ministry might have prohibited the raising of the loan at the present time.

The circumstances illustrate the unsatisfactory position which has existed in Australia for years in connection with the unco-ordinated borrowing methods of local bodies.

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CUBAN PRODUCTION.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have forwarded us the following letter, dated June 28, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool.

Prices having fluctuated very sharply during the week end, but yesterday, a decidedly firm tone was in evidence.

The trade re-entered the London Market as buyers on Wednesday last in consequence of which Refiners advanced their prices by 3d. per cwt. Trade in America has, on the whole, been disappointing in spite of good terminal business which has passed. Business in Raws has been

active, and British Refiners are reported to have purchased some 55,000 tons of July-August at 8s. 9d. per cwt. from the Cuban Pool. It is said that the Cuban Pool has about 300,000 tons of sugar still for disposal outside the United States. The Cuban production to the 22nd June is given as 5,166,000 tons, all centrals having ceased grinding.

The market, after touching the previous high levels yesterday, has again lost about 3d. of the advance, and it looks as if a further downward reaction might set in.

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TJIBADAK	SHAI & AMOY	5th Aug.	7th Aug., 4 p.m.	& SOERABAYA
TJITAROEM	SHAI, K'LONG & AMOY	11th Aug.	13th Aug., 4 p.m.	MANILA, M'RSAR & SOERABAYA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	3rd Aug.	4th Aug.	AMOY & SHAI
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	7th Aug.	9th Aug.	AMOY & SHAI
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	14th Aug.	15th Aug.	AMOY & SHAI

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"FUNNY" PICTURES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir.—One of your contemporaries describes the picture shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday as "one of the funniest screen pictures of the year." Indeed it was, and I was fool enough to see it.

I could not for the life of me hear a "Harricane of Laughs" and yet I had, within easy reach of my seat, a cosmopolitan crowd. There were faint attempts at laughter, but how feeble!

To say that most of the audience left the theatre with the feeling that they had been bluffed into seeing a time-wasting picture is to say the least.

While there is no competition, the management can play a safe game by dishing-up "rubbish" pictures. Heaven help them when the projected theatre is completed.

Yesterday's combination of pictures could never have been worse. There was a most uninteresting "News Reel," then a silly old "Felix the Cat" thing, and a disdainful so-called comedy picture.

But to crown it all, there came next, the Funniest of all.

I wonder what your Film Critic has to say about it? I am glad he is not afraid to say a picture is not worth wasting time upon when the picture has nothing to recommend itself.

I shall read what he has to say before seeing any more "funny" pictures. Don't tell us they are all funny!—Yours, etc.,

Hong Kong, July 29.

SOPORIFIC FUN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir.—Sunday being a dismal day, I went to the pictures, and spent a dollar to be cheered up by the "new laugh hit." I cannot say very much about the film, as I fell asleep before it had gone very far, but I cannot think it was quite so funny, as it was represented to be, otherwise I should have been sufficiently interested to keep awake.

My experience of Hong Kong film shows that frequently the so-called "feature" film is not so good as the short pictures shown before it, but it is all a matter of taste. I have seen at the Star and the Majestic recently unrolled films which for clever "stunts" and real humour had "Baby Cyclone" skinned a mile.—Yours, etc.,

JEREMIAH.

Hong Kong, July 29.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 350 METRES.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

3.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music. (Records supplied by Messrs. Tin Shou Tong).

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

8 p.m.—Evening programme.

(Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.)

"Carmen" (Bizet), Selection.

Percy Pitt and the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"The New Moon" (Romberg), Gene Gerard, Dolores Farris & Chorus.

"Sir Henry Bishop's Songs" (Bishop), Selection. The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Scherzo" (Commette), Organ Solo, Edouard Commette.

"Prelude in C sharp minor" and "Tannhauser—O Star of Eve," J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"There's One Little Girl Who Loves Me" and "Oh, Doris, Where Do You Live?" Duet: Layton and Johnstone.

"Marianne" (Wallace), Overture, Columbia Symphony Orchestra.

"The Student Prince" Vocal Gems, The Student Prince Company.

"Rienzi" (Wagner), Overture, The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"When Do We Dance?" and "That Certain Feeling," Piano-forte Solo, George Gershwin.

"Sweet and Low Down" and "Looking For a Boy," Piano-forte Solo, George Gershwin.

"Les Millions D'Arlequin—Serenade" and "Minuet" (Boechetti), The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"The Londonderry Air" and "The Chorister's Dream," The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Finlandia" (Sibelius), Tone Poem, Sir Henry Wood and the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.

"Pearl O'Mine" (Lyric Melody) and "Bal Masque" (Valse Caprice), Plaza Theatre Orchestra.

"The Jewels of The Madonna," Intermezzo, B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Raphaello" and "Las Lagartanas," Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

"La Paloma—Spanish Serenade" and "O Sole Mio," J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

"Old Friends" Medley, Fox Trot, Percival Mackay's Band.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

A NEW BRITISH TYPE.

COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

It is a well-known fact that British aircraft manufacturers lead the world in the design of military aircraft, but the development of commercial aviation in England has not been sufficiently rapid to encourage manufacturers to build a large number of different kinds of commercial aircraft. In the past Imperial Airways, Limited have been practically the only purchasers of passenger-carrying machines, but now there is a new field opening up in the Colonies and in countries which do not manufacture aircraft. This has led British manufacturers to construct passenger-carrying aircraft suitable for commercial use, either by aircraft operating companies or commercial houses, whilst the steady development of the low-power air-cooled engine during the last two or three years has enabled the manufacturer to obtain suitable power-plants of approximately 100 horse power.

Fast and Safe.

It is interesting to note that at the recent International Aircraft Exhibition at Olympia, London, the Westland Aircraft Works, Limited, of Yeovil, displayed their new Westland three-engine limousine. This machine can either be fitted with a Cirrus Mark III, 95-95 H.P. or a Hermes 115 H.P. engine, both of which are of the air-cooled four-cylinder-in-line type, and are made by the well-known company, Cirrus Aero Engines, Limited. The Westland limousine carries five passengers and goods at a speed of 130 m.p.h. It is extremely economical to operate, as the three engines consume less than five gallons of petrol per hour each and the oil consumption is very low. The passengers are accommodated in an enclosed cabin, so are amply protected from wind and weather, whilst the pilot's cockpit is totally enclosed.

The advent of this machine into the field of commercial aviation opens up new possibilities in commercial air transport. This particularly applies to the development of air routes in China, where land-transport is slow and far between, and a forced landing would almost invariably mean damage to the aircraft. To fully appreciate what the Westland three-engine limousine means one must realise that this machine is capable of not only flying on any two engines with full load, but of actually climbing when one engine has stopped. Therefore the danger of a forced landing due to engine failure is to all intents and purposes done away with.

Cheap to Buy and to Operate.

Not only is this machine economical to operate, but by careful organisation the Westland Aircraft Works have been able to place it on the market at an extremely attractive price, which is actually less than some single-engine commercial aircraft.

The first one of these machines to be built was immediately purchased by Imperial Airways, Limited, who operate it upon their European air lines. The example set by this well-known company has already been followed by companies throughout the Colonies, and in the space of a very short time these machines will be carrying passengers and mails to inaccessible places which in the past have only been served by surface transport. The organisers of the various aerial services proposed for China would be well advised to seriously consider the advantages and added possibilities afforded them by this type of aircraft.

We understand that full particulars of this machine are obtainable from the Far East Aviation Company, Asiatic Building, Hong Kong.

LESSON SERMON.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST HONG KONG.

"Truth" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, July 28.

The Golden Text was: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17: 11, 17).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Then Jesus said unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father has taught me, I speak these things. Then Jesus said to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8: 29, 31, 32).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The enslavement of man is not legitimate. It will cease when man enters into his heritage of freedom; his God-given dominion over the material sense. Mortals will some day assert their freedom, for the empire of almighty God is the only true empire." (Science and Health, p. 238).

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

THIS WEEK'S ORDERS.

[ORDERS BY HON. MR. T. H. KING, ACTING CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Chinese Company.

SQUAD DRILL.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Company's Headquarters on Tuesday, July 30, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under L/Sergt. Rao Tao Chi On. Dress: Multi.

SIGNALLING.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore Under Cr-Sergt. Rio Ow Yeung Kin Heng on Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m. sharp.

INSPECTION PARADE.

All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, August 1, for the monthly inspection of arms, equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: White uniform, cap with white cover; rifle, belt, side-arms, truncheon, whistle, armband, badge, "pocket-politician," and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in multi. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company's Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.

PARADE.

All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, August 6, for drill under Sergt. Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. White uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The fortnightly patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, August 8. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

The next fortnightly patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, August 13. Fall in at the Tsimshatsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

Members of this Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, August 4, at 10 a.m., for details, see last week's orders.

ARMS LICENCES.

Members are again reminded of the urgent necessity of being provided with arms licences.

KHAKI HELMETS.

Khaki helmets should be drawn from the Police Store on any Saturday morning, as soon as possible.

(Sd.) T. H. KING, Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hong Kong, July 29, 1929.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME!

ALLEGED STABBING AFFRAY AT SERDANG.

Kuala Lumpur, July 22.—A sensational stabbing affray is reported from Serdang, the victim being Fan Yun Sang, a well-known resident.

It appears that a party of seven Chinese, including Fan Yung Sang and Koh Tong Fatt, presented a certain actress who was performing in a Chinese theatre in the village with a piece of silk and the actress sent in return two bottles of brandy.

The party was toasting the health of the actress with brandy outside of the theatre premises when a quarrel arose between the two persons mentioned over the actress. Later Koh Tong Fatt is alleged to have stabbed the other man and disappeared. The victim, who is in a serious condition, is in Kuala Lumpur hospital while the alleged assailant is being searched for by the police.—*Straits Times*.

CAR'S FATAL SKID.

ENGINEER ACQUITTED OF RASH DRIVING.

Kuala Lumpur, July 22.—Mr. C. E. Cooper, engineer of Messrs. Patterson, Simons and Co., who was charged with causing the death of a motor cyclist, named Zee Ah Kong, at the second mile on the Ampang Road on April 14 by rash driving, was acquitted by the magistrate.

Accused stated that it was raining at the time of the accident and his car skidded and an accident could not be avoided.

Mr. Shearn, appearing for accused, urged that no criminal negligence was proved. The police maintained that accused was travelling much too fast. The magistrate said it would be unsafe to convict as there was insufficient indication of criminal negligence. Therefore, he acquitted and discharged the accused.—*Straits Times*.

MODERN SPOUSE BOBS HER TRESSES.

IRATE HUBBY CUTS THEM ALL OFF.

Shanghai.—A quarrel between a Chinese husband and wife, which has had its counterpart in many a foreign home, caused Sun Hsintang and his wife, Mei-sze, to proceed from bitter words to actual physical injuries on the person of Mrs. Sun.

The reason was that Mrs. Sun became struck with the idea of "bobbed hair" some time ago and pestered Sun to be allowed to cut her hair. The husband emphatically said no, but when she had that word from a mere man ever meant much, if anything, to his spouse!

Failing to get her husband's permission, Mei-sze, probably thinking he would be greatly pleased at her modern appearance after he once saw her with short hair, went to a barber shop and soon the deed was done. Meanwhile someone had informed Sun that his wife

was getting her hair cut. He rushed to the barber shop, but was too late to save his wife's tresses, so being highly indignant, instead of pleased over Mrs. Sun's short hair, Sun grabbed the barber's shears and cut the rest of it off close to the scalp.

He didn't perform the operation in a gentle manner, being in too much of a turmoil and suggestively muttering that it would be much better if her head were cut off.

Fortunately Mei-sze didn't lose her head, but she did lose several hunks of scalp and when the operation was finished her head was spouting blood from several wounds. Sun seeing this ran away. Mrs. Sun was sent to a hospital, where her head was bandaged. She then returned home, where another quarrel broke out, which landed both parties in jail.

The theme is the importance of environment. Three very modern young women (Joan Crawford, Dorothy Sebastian and Anita Page) the joint heroines, are the types resulting from different homes.

The production has been filmed upon a lavish scale in keeping with its modernistic motive, and was photographed with the newly perfected incandescent lighting equipment.

Thompson, who pleaded not guilty, stated that she was married and lived at Brixton. She had known West a fortnight and went with him to Sydenham to see friends. In Crystal Palace Park road, Beckenham, sentence being postponed until next session.

Harry West, 24, no occupation, who was similarly indicted, was sentenced by Mr. H. W. W. Wilberforce (deputy chairman) to three years' penal servitude. West also admitted stealing a suitcase and a bicycle.

Mr. Temple Martin, prosecuting, said that the couple attempted a type of burglary which was all too common in the suburbs. The practice was to knock repeatedly at the door of a house and, receiving no reply, to smash in a glass panel conveniently near the catch of the door.

Crash of Glass.

In this instance the occupants were at home, and Mrs. Julie Lord saw the couple enter the gates and heard a knock at the door. She went to a bedroom window at the back of the house to call her husband from the garden and heard the crash of glass. She then saw a man in one of the bedrooms and called her husband. Mr. Lord chased the man, who got away, and Mrs. Lord and her son went after the woman, who was stopped. Thompson then denied that she was with the man, and when charged she said, "I did not enter the place."

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WOMAN HOUSEBREAKER CONVICTED.

MAN ACCOMPLICE SENTENCED.

Rita Thompson, 23, no occupation, was found guilty at the London Sessions recently of breaking into a house in Crystal Palace Park road, Beckenham, sentence being postponed until next session.

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CINEMA NEWS.

"OUR DANCING DAUGHTERS" COMING TO QUEENS.

"Our Dancing Daughters," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture starring Joan Crawford, will be shown from Thursday to Saturday at the Queen's.

The theme is the importance of environment. Three very modern young women (Joan Crawford, Dorothy Sebastian and Anita Page) the joint heroines, are the types resulting from different homes.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS. CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.

AMCOY

Haining, Douglas, July 30.
Yingchow, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Yuen-sang, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Haiyang, Douglas, Aug. 2.
Taima, B. & S., Aug. 3.
Anhui, B. & S., Aug. 4.
Gurna, B.I., Aug. 4.
Tjissondari, J.C.J.L., Aug. 4.
Haining, Douglas, Aug. 6.
Chenan, B. & S., Aug. 8.
Tjilkeboet, J.C.J.L., Aug. 9.
Anking, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Suisang, Jardine's, Aug. 10.
Takada, B.I., Aug. 16.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Aug. 23.

ANTWERP

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 24.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Arafura, E. & A., Aug. 2.
Changze, B. & S., Aug. 20.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.

BALTO PORTS

Danmark, Manners, July 31.

BALTIMORE

Springbank, Bank, Aug. 3.
Adrasus, B.F., Aug. 4.

BANGKOK

Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Aug. 11.

BELAWAN DELL

Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 4.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.

BOMBAY

Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.

BOSTON

Chinese Prince, Furness, July 30.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 3.
Adrasus, B.F., Aug. 4.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 6.
Raby Castle, Dodwell's, Aug. 6.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 17.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Aug. 23.

BREMER

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Augsburg, Melchers, Aug. 27.

BRINDISI

Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Aug. 20.

CALCUTTA

Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 4.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
Namsang, Jardine's, Aug. 11.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 16.
Taima, B.I., Aug. 27.

CEBU

Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Aug. 17.
Golden Star, S.S.S., Aug. 18.

CHEPOO

Kusichow, B. & S., Aug. 6.
Huichow, B. & S., Aug. 16.

COLOMBO

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Porthos, M.M., July 30.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 11.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.

COPENHAGEN

Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.

DALNY

Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 30.
Linan, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Chenan, B. & S., Aug. 8.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Coblentz, Melchers, Aug. 23.

DUTCH PORTS

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Achilles, B.F., Aug. 20.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 24.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Augsburg, Melchers, Aug. 27.

FOOCHOW

Haining, Douglas, July 30.
Haining, Douglas, Aug. 2.
Haining, Douglas, Aug. 6.

GENOA

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Agapenor, B.F., Aug. 20.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.

GLASGOW

Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Agapenor, B.F., Aug. 20.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW

Tokli, M.M., July 30.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.
Canton, M.M., Aug. 3.
Tean, B. & S., Aug. 3.

HAMBURG

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Achilles, B.F., Aug. 20.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.

HAVRE

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Agapenor, B.F., Aug. 20.
Augsburg, Melchers, Aug. 27.

HONOLULU

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Tokyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 20.
Tokyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.

ILOILO

Ninghai, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Aug. 17.
Golden Star, S.S.S., Aug. 18.

JAPAN PORTS

Athos II, M.M., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 30.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., July 30.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Ixion, B.F., Aug. 1.
Meriones, B.F., Aug. 1.
Yuen-sang, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Kashmir, P. & O., Aug. 2.
Taima, B.I., Aug. 3.
Muran Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 5.
Ermland, Jensen, Aug. 6.
Kitsano Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 6.
Piave, Dodwell's, Aug. 6.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Tannab, B. & O., Aug. 6.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Nowshera, P. & O., Aug. 8.
Eurylochus, B.F., Aug. 9.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Dalgoma, B.I., Aug. 10.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 12.
Sheafmount, P. & S., Aug. 12.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Aug. 13.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Remo, Dodwell's, Aug. 13.
Burgeland, Jensen, Aug. 16.
Menelaus, B.F., Aug. 15.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Morea, P. & S., Aug. 16.
Suisang, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Friesland, Jensen, Aug. 17.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.
Garbata, B.I., Aug. 20.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Aug. 20.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 21.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Aug. 23.
Tyndareus, B.F., Aug. 24.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Aug. 27.
Glenohiel, Jardine's, Aug. 30.

JAVIA PORTS

Tijmanock, J.C.J.L., July 30.
Tijbadak, J.C.J.L., Aug. 7.

LIVERPOOL

Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Agapenor, B.F., Aug. 20.

LONDON

Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.

LOS ANGELES

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Golden Tide, States S.S., July 30.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Aug. 27.

MANILA

Pres. Grant, Dollar, July 30.
Tijmanock, J.C.J.L., July 30.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Aug. 1.
Ninghai, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Arafura, E. & A., Aug. 2.
Texas, S.S.S., Aug. 2.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 3.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 13.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Aug. 17.
Golden Star, S.S.S., Aug. 18.
Change, B. & S., Aug. 20.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Aug. 23.

MARSEILLES

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Porthos, M.M., July 30.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 14.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Achilles, B.F., Aug. 20.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 24.
Augsburg, Melchers, Aug. 27.

NAPLES

Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.

NEWORHANG

Linan, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Chenan, B. & S., Aug. 3.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Chinese Prince, Furness, July 30.
Springbank, Bank, Aug. 3.
Adrasus, B.F., Aug. 4.
Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 4.
Raby Castle, Dodwell's, Aug. 6.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 17.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Aug. 23.

NORTH CHINA

Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 30.
Ermland, Jensen, Aug. 6.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Burgeland, Jensen, Aug. 16.
Friesland, Jensen, Aug. 17.
Coblentz, Melchers, Aug. 23.

OSLO

Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.

OSLO

Danmark, Manners, July 31.

PANAMA

Kuma Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 4.
Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 17.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 19.

PENANG

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 4.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., July Aug. 4.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Namsang, Jardine's, Aug. 11.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Taima, B.I., Aug. 27.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.

PORTLAND

Michigan, S.S.S., Aug. 3.
New York, S.S.S., Aug. 14.

RANGOON

Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., July Aug. 3.
Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 16.

SAIGON

Porthos, M.M., July 30.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.

SANDAKAN

Arafura, E. & A., Aug. 2.
Maussang, Jardine's, Aug. 4.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Aug. 14.

SAN FRANCISCO

Golden Tide, States S.S., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Michigan, S.S.S., Aug. 3.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
New York, S.S.S., Aug. 14.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Aug. 27.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS

Danmark, Manners, July 31.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.

SEATTLE

Ixion, B.F., August 1.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 12.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Aug. 20.
Tyndareus, B.F., Aug. 24.

SHANGHAI

Athos II, M.M., July 30.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., July 30.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., July 30.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 30.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., July 31.
Sunning, B. & S., July 31.
Yingchow, B. & S., July 31.
Ixion, B.F., August 1.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Linan, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Yingchow, B. & S., Aug. 1.
Kashmir, P. & O., Aug. 2.
Meriones, B.F., Aug. 2.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 3.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 4.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Aug. 4.
Szechuen, B. & S., Aug. 4.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).

Tjissondari, J.C.J.L., Aug. 4.
Kanchow, B. & S., Aug. 5.
Muran Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 5.
Ermland, Jensen, Aug. 6.
Kitsano Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 6.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 7.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Aug. 7.
Chenan, B. & S., Aug. 8.
Eurylochus, B.F., Aug. 9.
Tjilkeboet, J.C.J.L., Aug. 9.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Aug. 11.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 12.
Sheafmount, P. & S., Aug. 12.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Aug. 13.
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Aug. 13.
Remo, Dodwell's, Aug. 13.
Burgeland, Jensen, Aug. 16.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Morea, P. & S., Aug. 16.
Asia, Manners, Aug. 17.
Friesland, Jensen, Aug. 17.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Aug. 20.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 21.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 21.
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Aug. 27.
Coblentz, Melchers, Aug. 23.
Glenohiel, Jardine's, Aug. 30.

SINGAPORE

Lippe, Melchers, July 30.
Porthos, M.M., July 30.
Kutsang, Jardine's, July 31.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., July 31.
Springbank, Bank, July 31.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Aug. 1.
Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.
Khyber, P. & O., Aug. 3.
Talamia, B.I., Aug. 4.
Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Nagara, Gilman's, Aug. 11.
Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 9.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 10.
Havelland, Jensen, Aug. 10.
Anking, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Namsang, Jardine's, Aug. 11.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Aug. 11.
Takliwa, B.I., Aug. 11.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 11.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Aug. 13.
Isar, Melchers, Aug. 14.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Aug. 15.
Malwa, P. & O., Aug. 17.
Leverkusen, Jensen, Aug. 24.
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Aug. 24.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Aug. 23.
Augsburg, Melchers, Aug. 27.
Taima, B.I., Aug. 27.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 23.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS

Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 3.
Tinhow, Bank, Aug. 12.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS

Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 3.

SWATOW

Haining, Douglas, July 30.
Fushimi, Jardine's, July 31.
Sunning, B. & S., July 31.
Haiyang, Douglas, Aug. 2.
Anhui, B. & S., Aug. 4.
Kopsang, Jardine's, Aug. 4.
Kwaiyang, B. & S., Aug. 4.
Haining, Douglas, Aug. 6.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Aug. 7.
Anking, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Aug. 11.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Aug. 11.

TIENTSIN

Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 31.
Ermland, Jensen, Aug. 6.
Kueichow, B. & S., Aug. 8.
Chenongshing, B. & S., Aug. 8.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Huichow, B. & S., Aug. 16.
Chipsing, Jardine's, Aug. 23.
Coblentz, Melchers, Aug. 23.

TRIESTE AND VENICE

Himalaya, Dodwell's, Aug. 3.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Aug. 20.

TSINGTAO

Saarbruecken, Melchers, July 30.
Fushimi, Jardine's, July 31.
Sunning, B. & S., July 31.
City of Athens, Bank, Aug. 3.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Aug. 4.
Szechuen, B. & S., Aug. 4.
Ermland, Jensen, Aug. 6.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Aug. 7.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Aug. 7.
Alster, Melchers, Aug. 10.
Yatsing, Jardine's, Aug. 11.
Coblentz, Melchers, Aug. 23.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Ixion, B.F., August 1.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 21.
Tyndareus, B.F., Aug. 24.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Emp. of France, C.P.S., July 31.
Ixion, B.F., August 1.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, Aug. 6.
Igo Maru, N.Y.K., Aug. 12.
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Aug. 20.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Aug. 21.
Tyndareus, B.F., Aug. 24.

VLADIVOSTOK

Glenogle, Jardine's, Aug. 1.
Glenapp, Jardine's, Aug. 16.
Glenohiel, Jardine's, Aug. 30.

WEIHAIWEI

Kueichow, B. & S., Aug. 6.
Patroclus, B.F., Aug. 7.
Huichow, B. & S., Aug. 10.

Achilles due from Shanghai Aug. 20.

Adrasus due from Shanghai Aug. 13.

Agapenor due from Shanghai Aug. 20.

Agra left for Shanghai July 27.

Akita Maru left for Japan July 19.

Alaska Maru due from Singapore Aug. 10.

Alipore due from Europe Sept. 10.

Alster due from Europe Aug. 10.

Augsburg due from Shanghai Aug. 27.

Antenor due from Japan Sept. 4.

Arafura due from Japan July 31.

Asia due from Europe Aug. 14.

Asphalium due from Europe Sept. 12.

Athos II due from Saigon July 30.

Bengal Maru due from Japan Aug. 7.

Benledi due from Singapore Aug. 1.

Bingo Maru due from Japan Aug. 3.

Bokuyo Maru due from Japan July 30.

Bremerhaven arrived from Rahaul July 16.

Burgeland due from Europe Aug. 16.

Calchias due from Europe Sept. 19.

Calcutta Maru due from Singapore Aug. 7.

Canada Maru due from Japan Aug. 5.

Canton left for Europe July 9.

Change due from Australia Aug. 13.

Chenonceaux due from Shanghai Aug. 13.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 31st July, 2 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALY	"LINAN"	On 1st Aug. Daylight
MANILA & ILOILO	"NINGHAI"	On 1st Aug. 2 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 1st Aug. 5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 4th Aug. 8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 4th Aug. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 4th Aug. Noon
SHANGHAI	"KANCHOW"	On 5th Aug. 5 p.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOV"	On 6th Aug. 11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 7th Aug. 2 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIKOW	"TEAN"	On 8th Aug. 11 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALY	"CHENAN"	On 8th Aug. 6 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 11th Aug. 8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 11th Aug. Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOV"	On 16th Aug. 11 a.m.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

STATION	JULY 28, 1929.										JULY 29, 1929.									
	Hong Kong	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Force	Direction	Clouds	Visibility	Remarks	Hong Kong	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind	Force	Direction	Clouds	Visibility	Remarks
Wladivostok	12	29.77	75.6	80	WSW	2	0	6	29.88	74.9	74	SSW	0	6	29.78	75.6	80	WSW	0	6
Nemuro	11	29.82	75.7	80	S	3	0	5	29.78	75.6	74	SSW	0	5	29.78	75.6	80	SSW	0	5
Hokodate	"	29.84	75.8	80	SSW	3	0	5	29.80	75.7	74	SSW	0	5	29.80	75.7	80	SSW	0	5
Tokio	"	29.90	75.9	80	SSW	1	0	5	29.92	76.0	74	WNW	1	5	29.92	76.0	80	WNW	1	5
Kobe	"	29.94	76.0	80	SE	1	0	5	29.94	76.0	74	SE	1	5	29.94	76.0	80	SE	1	5
Nagasaki	"	29.92	76.0	80	WSW	1	0	5	29.96	76.1	74	WSW	1	5	29.96	76.1	80	WSW	1	5
Kagoshima	"	29.94	76.0	80	SE	1	0	5	29.96	76.1	74	SE	1	5	29.96	76.1	80	SE	1	5
Oshima	"	29.92	76.0	80	NNE	6	0	5	29.90	75.9	74	NNE	6	0	29.90	75.9	80	NNE	6	0
Naha	"	29.88	75.9	80	ESE	2	0	5	29.88	75.9	74	ESE	2	0	29.88	75.9	80	ESE	2	0
Ishigakijima	"	29.78	75.6	80	SE	1	0	5	29.75	75.5	74	SE	1	5	29.75	75.5	80	SE	1	5
Bonin Island	"	29.96	76.1	80	S	1	0	5	29.92	76.0	74	S	1	5	29.92	76.0	80	S	1	5
Chefoo	15	29.79	75.6	88	SE	4	0	6	29.77	75.6	78	SE	4	6	29.77	75.6	88	SE	4	6
Shanghai	14	29.87	75.7	98	SE	4	0	6	29.85	75.7	79	SE	4	6	29.85	75.7	98	SE	4	6
Gutai	"	29.93	76.0	88	SE	4	0	6	29.91	75.7	78	SE	4	6	29.91	75.7	88	SE	4	6
Sharp Peak	"	29.80	75.6	80	NE	4	0	7	29.74	75.3	86	NE	4	7	29.74	75.3	80	NE	4	7
Amoy	"	29.74	75.3	88	E	2	0	6	29.75	75.5	81	E	2	6	29.75	75.5	88	E	2	6
Swatow	"	29.80	75.6	82	E	2	0	6	29.78	75.5	81	E	2	6	29.78	75.5	82	E	2	6
Taipei	11	29.79	75.6	82	E	2	0	5	29.78	75.5	81	E	2	5	29.78	75.5	82	E	2	5
Taihu	"	29.75	75.5	86	NW	2	0	5	29.74	75.4	86	NW	2	5	29.74	75.4	86	NW	2	5
Tainan	"	29.75	75.5	81	NW	2	0	5	29.73	75.0	75	NW	2	5	29.73	75.0	81	NW	2	5
Koshu	"	29.75	75.5	86	NW	2	0	5	29.73	75.0	75	NW	2	5	29.73	75.0	86	NW	2	5
Pescadore	"	29.71	75.4	78	E	2	0	6	29.66	75.3	78	E	2	6	29.66	75.3	78	E	2	6
Hong Kong	14	29.68	75.3	79	ENE	4	0	6	29.65	75.3	79	ENE	4	6	29.65	75.3	79	ENE	4	6
Gap Rock	"	29.67	75.3	79	ENE	4	0	6	29.62	75.2	77	ENE	4	6	29.62	75.2	79	ENE	4	6
Macao	"	29.72	75.4	84	SW	2	0	5	29.65	75.3	80	SW	2	5	29.65	75.3	84	SW	2	5
Hoihow	"	29.52	74.9	82	NNW	6	0	7	29.50	74.9	77	NNW	6	7	29.50	74.9	82	NNW	6	7
Pratas Island	15	29.61	75.2	84	NNE	2	0	5	29.59	75.1	82	NNE	2	5	29.59	75.1	84	NNE	2	5
Phu Lien	"	29.61	75.2	84	SW	4	0	5	29.52	75.4	77	SW	4	5	29.52	75.4	84	SW	4	5
Tourane	"	29.55	75.0	79	NW	6	0	6	29.72	75.4	77	NW	6	6	29.72	75.4	79	NW	6	6
Cape St. James	"	29.68	75.3	79	S	4	0	7	29.72	75.4	77	S	4	7	29.72	75.4	79	S	4	7
Basco	14	29.71	75.4	81	WSW	2	0	5	29.70	75.3	80	WSW	2	5	29.70	75.3	81	WSW	2	5
Aparri	"	29.71	75.4	81	WSW	2	0	5	29.70	75.3	80	WSW	2	5	29.70	75.3	81	WSW	2	5
Tuguegarao	"	29.75	75.7	79	WSW	2	0	5	29.71	75.2	79	WSW	2	5	29.71	75.2	79	WSW	2	5
Vigan	"	29.79	75.6	81	WSW	2	0	5	29.80	75.6	79	WSW	2	5	29.80	75.6	81	WSW	2	5
Manila	"	29.78	75.6	86	SW	4	0	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5	29.81	75.7	86	SW	4	5
Legaspi	"	29.80	75.6	84	SW	4	0	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5	29.81	75.7	84	SW	4	5
Calbayog	"	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	0	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5
Tacoloban	"	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	0	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5	29.81	75.7	79	SW	4	5
Iloilo	"	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	0	5	29.81	75.7	80	SW	2	5	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	5
Cebu	"	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	0	5	29.81	75.7	80	SW	2	5	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	5
Surigao	"	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	0	5	29.81	75.7	80	SW	2	5	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	5
Saipan	"	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	0	5	29.81	75.7	80	SW	2	5	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	5
Guan	12.22	29.79	75.6	86	NE	1	0	4.22	29.82	75.7	80	NE	1	4.22	29.82	75.7	86	NE	1	4.22
Yap	11.00	29.84	75.9	86	NE	2	0	5	29.82	75.7	80	NE	2	5	29.82	75.7	86	NE	2	5
Pelew	"	29.84	75.9	86	NE	2	0	5	29.82	75.7	80	NE	2	5	29.82	75.7	86	NE	2	5
Ponape	"	29.84	75.9	86	NE	2	0	5	29.82	75.7	80	NE	2	5	29.82	75.7	86	NE	2	5
Labuan	14	29.78	75.6	88	SW	4	0	6	29.83	75.7	80	SW	4	6	29.83	75.7	88	SW	4	6

July 28d. 16h. 27m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 20° N. Long. 124° E., moving W.N.W.

July 29d. 8h. 56m.—Warning to Hong Kong, Coast Ports, &c.—Typhoon of unknown intensity within 60 miles of Lat. 20° N. Long. 122° E., moving N.W.

July 29d. 10h. 12m.—Pressure is highest over south Japan. The western typhoon has entered the coast between Haiphong and Pakhoi; the eastern is situated near or over S. Formosa, moving N.W. and threatening the coast between Amoy and Foochow.

Manila warning, 28d. 1h. 00m.—Typhoon in Lat. 20° N. Long. 124° E., moving N.W. Recd. 28d. 11h. 30m.

Manila warning, 28d. 17h. 25m.—Typhoon in Lat. 21° N. Long. 123° E., moving N.W. Recd. 28d. 17h. 55m.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.40 inches. Total since January 1, 36.20 inches, against an average of 50.55 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JULY 30.

- 1.—Formosa Channel. Cyclonic gales.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks. Variable winds, freshening from S.W. or W. fair at first, cloudy with rain later.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock. S. and S.E. winds, fresh, moderating.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan. S. and S.E. winds, fresh, moderating.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, July 29.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 4 p.m. 10 a.m. 2 p.m.

Barometer ... 29.67 29.68 29.55

Thermometer ... 79 84 83

Humidity ... 89 75 75

Wind—

Direction ... E W SW

Force ... 3 2 3

Weather ... OD C OP

Rain ... 2.82 0.00 0.10

Highest open-air temperature, 29.81

Lowest open-air temperature, 29.77

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HAKOZAKI MARU ... Saturday, 24th August

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

KAGA MARU ... Wednesday, 21st August

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Sept.

ROMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

TAMBA MARU ... Sunday, 11th August

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 25th August

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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BOKUYO MARU ... Monday, 19th August

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

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CALCUTTA MARU ... Saturday, 17th August

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &

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+ DELAGOA MARU ... Sunday, 11th August

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

+ BENGAL MARU ... Thursday, 8th August

+ MALACCA MARU ... Friday, 16th August

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 4,270 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
4,960 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:

British	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
Hop Sang, Tsingtao	1,000	610
Kut Sang, Osaka	590	350
Sunning, Canton	—	430
Linan, Shanghai	520	490
Yingchow, Shanghai	400	410
	2,510	2,290
Japanese		
Montevideo Maru, Kobe	290	2,700
Tanyo Maru, U.S.A.	1,110	—
	—	1,400
	—	2,700
Chinese		
Tak Hing, Macao	80	—
	—	60
	—	—
Total	4,270	4,960

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	5
Japanese	2	4
Chinese	1	3
Norwegian	0	2
German	0	1
Dutch	0	1
Swedish	0	1
Total	8	17

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived by the s.s. Taiyo Maru from Los Angeles on Sunday:—Mrs. S. A. Blecker, Mrs. W. B. Eckert, Mr. Georges A. Breijer, Mrs. H. C. Breijer, Mrs. E. M. Cougle, Mr. H. A. M. Watson, Mrs. D. R. Watson, Mr. K. I. Su, Mr. Mah Min Nar, Mr. Kwang King Foo, Mr. Bertram Brice, Mr. L. H. Hassall, Miss E. H. Hassall, Mrs. S. Katakaka, Mr. T. Ohtani, Mr. K. L. Chan, Mrs. K. L. Chan, Mr. Dai Far, Mr. C. S. Chao, Mr. C. S. Kong, Mr. Kong I. Sun, Mr. Ewald Muth, Mr. H. W. Hewett, Mrs. H. W. Hewett, Mr. Mohamed Ali, Mr. Arthur A. Kaempe, Mr. Yee Okin. (Continued on next column.)

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

Obstructionists.

The coxswain of a motor schooner was fined \$10 or 10 days' hard labour by Mr. T. W. H. Hoagwood at the Marine Court yesterday morning for causing obstruction by anchoring in the Central Fairway. Defendant pleaded guilty and said that he was unaware of the regulations.

The master of a fishing boat and mistress of a cargo boat were also before His Worship for mooring their boats inside the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter without a permit. Both pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 each.

For lying inshore during prohibited hours, two mistresses of passenger boats and a foki were also fined \$5.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Kut Sang (Br.) Osaka, Amoy 58

Sunning (Br.) Canton, Amoy 38

Linan (Br.) Amoy, Shanghai 42

Total 184

Vessels at the Docks and Anchorages.

The following vessels were registered at the Harbour Office as being at the undermentioned Dockyards and Anchorages at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Kowloon Dock:—Juno, Sui Tai, Ruby Castle, Yatsing.

Cosmopolitan Dock:—Seistan.

Taikeo Dock:—Ninghai, Anhui.

Shamshui Bay:—Cheong On, Hung Hai, Tin Yat, Man Hing, Tin Sze, Wo Kwai, Sunkong, New Mathilde, Tin Ting, Anjou, Sun Sai Kai, Lee Man, Cassum, Hoi Sang, Toi Shan, Taisema.

Kowloon Bay:—Hwah Cheng, City of Bedford.

Yaumati:—Derwent, Venezia, Telemachus, Swale, Tenshin Maru.

Stonecutters:—Naris.

ARRIVALS.

July 29.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,510 tons, Capt. Rvanne, from Samarinda, buoy No. B34—J.C.J.L.

Kutsang, British str., 5,547 tons, Capt. D. R. Kilbey, from Japan ports, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Linan, British str., 1,330 tons, Capt. W. F. Larter, from Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tjimanock, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. J. Schol, from Amoy, buoy No. A24.—J.C.J.L.

July 29.

Chinese Prince, British str., 3,650 tons, Capt. Jones, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—Prince Line.

Dorry, German str., 578 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Swatow, buoy No. B38.—Chau Yue Teng.

Foo Shing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. A. Balloch, from Canton, buoy No. B32.—J. M. & Co.

Kathe, German str., 906 tons, Capt. H. Frandsen, from Chefoo, buoy No. C45.—Kwong Mow Tai.

Montevideo Maru, Japanese str., 4,357 tons, Capt. J. Kurimura, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sado Maru, Japanese str., 5,623 tons, Capt. M. Uchino, from Bombay via Hong Kong, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Sunning, British str., 1,570 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

Tai Fook Sing, Chinese str., 1,406 tons, Capt. H. Madson, from Saigon, buoy No. B38.—Hock Yuen Hong.

Tanyo Maru, Japanese str., 14,457 tons, Capt. Y. Arakida, from San Francisco and Japan ports, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Toyo Maru No. 5, Japanese str., 1,253 tons, Capt. J. Asano, from Daiien, West Point Wharf.—M.B.K.

Ying Chow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Swatow, buoy No. C42.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

July 29.

Agapenor, for Shanghai.

Changchow, for Amoy.

Chinese Prince, for Manila.

Hop Sang, for Swatow.

Kathe, for Canton.

Kronviken, for Canton.

Linan, for Canton.

Montevideo, for Saigon.

Nankoh Maru, for Singapore.

Naris, for Bangkok.

Pres. Jefferson, for Shanghai.

Sirdhana, for Singapore.

Saerbrucken, for Shanghai.

Sado Maru, for Kobe.

Soliven, for Hoihow.

Tonkin, for K. C. Wan.

Yingchow, for Canton.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

Warships in port yesterday were as follows:—

Basin: H.M.S. Tamar, Sirdar, L.18.

North Arm: Somme.

West Wall Dock: Castor.

In Dock: Sterling, Stormcloud, Circa.

Foreign Men of War: U.S.S. Mindanao.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Aug. Noon	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	15th Aug.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,850	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASEMIR"	8,885	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOBEA"	10,858	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	28th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MIZAPORE"	6,715	2nd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,273	9th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	9,128	12th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	26th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,144	29th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"KASEMIR"	8,885	2nd Nov.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	9th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles, London & Hull.
"KASEGAR"	9,008	23rd Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"BELTANA"	—	30th Nov.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	7th Dec.	H'kong, Marseilles, London & Hull.
"MALWA"	10,850	21st Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Dec.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	4th Jan. 1930	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KASEMIR"	8,885	18th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	1st Feb.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	15th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Hull.

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BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th Aug. p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	11th Aug.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	27th Aug.	do.
"DALGOMA"	5,953	4th Sept.	do.
"TAKADA"	8,949	5th Sept.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,008	4th Oct.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	5th Oct.	do.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	5,000	2nd Aug. p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd Aug.	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ST ALBANS"	4,500	4th Oct.	Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	5,000	1st Nov.	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	29th Nov.	do.

* Calls Port Holland.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Japan & Hong Kong to Australia. The E. & A. S.S. Co. Ltd. steamers will also call at Shanghai, Haikou, Cebu, Kolambangan, Tawao, Timor, Larva, or other ports on route as indicated.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"TALMA"	10,000	3rd Aug. D.L.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, & Osaka.
"TANDA"	6,956	6th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"DALGOMA"	5,953	10th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"SHEAF"			
MOUNT			
"MOREA"	10,958	12th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	8,949	16th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"GARRETTA"	5,337	16th Aug.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KARMALA"	9,128	30th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"NAGPORE"	5,273	1st Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MIZAPORE"	6,715	2nd Sept.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ALIPORE"	5,273	11th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	13th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	25th Sept.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,144	27th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NEILLORE"	8,853	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	6,697	1st Oct.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	8th Oct.	do.
"BELTANA"		15th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,008	26th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	5th Nov.	do.
"LAHORE"	5,804	9th Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	9th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,850	23rd Nov.	do.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	1st Dec.	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,885	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	3rd Jan. 1930	do.
"KARMALA"	9,128	17th Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,850	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	27th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

